

3 SERIES "I AM"

I AM THE DOOR

Scripture: John 10

PM Service

Singing: 290:1-5 – 263:1-3 – 422:1, 4 – 80:1, 3, 4 Pastor AT Vergunst

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Jesus declares Himself to be **the Door**.

- I. The Function of the Door
- II. The Characteristics of the Door
- III. The Use of the Door

1. The function of the Door.

Adam and Eve learned on the first day of their creation about doors. God placed before them two doors. Each was marked. The one was marked *Eternal Life* and the other *Eternal Death*.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." Here Jesus proclaims Himself again as Jehovah, the I AM. His entire message of Him being the Door is one of beautiful hope and joy.

Jesus functions as a Door in two ways. He is **first, God's Door** to us sinners. It is **through the Door Jesus** that the offended and dishonoured God comes to us sinners.

Jesus is not only the Door for God to come to us. He is also the Door for us to come into God's presence and before His holy throne.

We can *now* be reconciled with our offended and holy God **if we come through the door Jesus Christ**.

2. We will consider in the second place, the characteristics of the Door God has provided in Jesus Christ.

These characteristics are five: *it is an easy door; an open door; an extra wide door; and open door and an extra wide door.*

- Firstly, it is an *easy* door. To enter this door, we do not need to meet all kinds of conditions.
- Secondly, it is an *open Door* for every sinner.
- Thirdly, this door in Jesus is also a *very wide* door.
- Fourthly, the Door Jesus is also the *only Door*.
- Let us consider one more characteristic of this door: it is *a most Beautiful Door*

3. Let us consider in our final thought: the use of the Door Jesus Christ.

Well, it is obvious that looking at and talking about the door will do us no good if we don't make use of it. What does it mean to enter this door? To enter the door is exactly the same as to eat the Bread and to follow the Light. You enter the Door when the Spirit enables you to believe or entrust yourself to Jesus Christ.

The pressing question I must put before you today: *Will you make use of the Door God has provided?* Or to say it with Jesus' own words, *"Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may go in and out, find pasture, and abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.