

A large crowd of people, mostly men in suits, gathered for a formal event. The image is slightly blurred, suggesting a wide shot or a video still. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

**“I Am the Door”**

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- “Then Jesus said to them again, Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

# God Is The Perfect Shepherd

- Psalm 80:1 - “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!”
- Isa. 40:11 - “He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.”
- Ez. 34:23 - “I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.”

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- The sheepfold is a haven
- Jesus was the Shepherd and the Door
- My sheep hear my voice
- The thieves and robbers

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- My sheep enter and leave by Me
  - John 10:7, 9 - “Then Jesus said to them again, Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep... 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

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- Jesus in His role as the shepherd door
  - John 10:9-10 - “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

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- What is the door?
  - Rev. 3:7-8 - “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: 8 I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.”

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- It is a movable, usually solid, barrier for opening and closing an entranceway. A door represents either access or denial, depending on whether it is open or closed.
- Doors figure prominently in the Bible. The word “door” appears in the Bible, in one form or the other, 263 times

# We Are The Sheep

- Sheep are defenseless, slow, not very smart animals. In comparison to God, we are like sheep
- Sheep were valuable to their shepherds who would fight for their sheep
  - Psalm 79:13 - “So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.”

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- Sheep were targets of thieves and robbers, wolves and lions
  - Acts 20:29-30 - “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.”
  - 1Peter 5:8 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

# We Are The Sheep

- God's Word has been given to create a sheepfold; it creates a secure place for those who hear
  - Matt. 7:24-27
- Jesus is the gate to the sheepfold
  - John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

# We Are The Sheep

- Jesus will judge the shepherds who do not care for the flock as well as He does. He directs them, and He will bless the sheep who suffered from their leadership
  - 1Peter 5:2-4 - “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”

Ez. 34:7-16 - "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 as I live, says the Lord GOD, surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock - 9 therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! 10 Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them. 11 For thus says the Lord GOD: Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.