

Thurā
(THOO'-RAH)
"THE DOOR"

***"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,
and shall go in and out, and find pasture."
~John 10:9***

We need to recognize the prefix of the title as ⁽¹⁾ _____.
(*Exodus 3:14-15*) I am ⁽²⁾ _____. That title literally means whatever is needed, God is – simply fill in the blank-! In this particular application, God reveals that the Lord Jesus Christ is ⁽³⁾ _____. Because it is God who is revealing this descriptive title in recognition of Himself, there is no other who can bear this title! We have two distinct direct articles to help clarify and substantiate this simple, yet very profound truth.

⁽⁴⁾ _____, ⁽⁵⁾ _____, refers only to God, although many false religions have claimed authority and even attempted to gain recognition by identifying with Jehovah. None dare to proclaim themselves Jehovah. (*Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 40, 41*)

⁽⁶⁾ _____ (direct article) describes one of a kind. There are not other doors; there is one door, specific, directive, and unique because there are no others.

The context of John 10 helps us understand why this truth is so important as a message, and why it is so critical as a possession. When we read, "*I am the door,*" we must understand that this is not a god speaking, but by definition, "*One who is what He is.*" The ever-present, perfect, permanent one, the Self-Existent One. No one could be better equipped to show us the truth of this name than the one who literally is the "*I am*" of every need.

Example: Jehovah, the door. (Whatever is needed, whenever it is needed.) Illustration: kitchen cabinet, cruise of oil—because the source of the supply is unlimited, there is always enough. The only limitation is ⁽⁷⁾ _____.

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Context John 10:1-10, "The good shepherd." Illustration: Sheepfold, the porter, the entrance... The shepherd would "lay down his life" as the door to the sheepfold. He would not only be the shepherd, He would be THE DOOR.

We can easily see from the Lord Jesus Christ's vivid illustration that only by coming ⁽⁸⁾ _____ Jesus can we reach the fold. Jesus Christ is the ⁽⁹⁾ _____ (Thura) who cares for the sheep as a ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____. (*Psalm 23*) He is the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6) Christ is the ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ of life itself. Without Him there is no life at all. (*John 10:1-18*)

As The Door: Jesus Christ is the living entrance of salvation.

Christ is the only way to enter into God's ⁽¹²⁾ _____. (*John 10:7-9, 14:6; Acts 4:12*)

Christ is the only one ⁽¹³⁾ _____ by the Father. (*John 10:15*)

Christ is the one who gave His ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____ for the sheep. (*John 10:14-18*)

As The Door: Jesus Christ is the loving shepherd of the sheep.

Christ is our shepherd ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____. (*John 10:3-5*)

Christ is our shepherd ⁽¹⁶⁾ _____. (*John 10:9-10*)

Christ is our shepherd ⁽¹⁷⁾ _____. (*John 10:3-5*)

As The Door: Jesus Christ is our THURA to Abundant Life.

Christ gives us more than just ⁽¹⁸⁾ _____. (*John 10:10*)

Christ gives us ⁽¹⁹⁾ _____ life. (*John 10:9-10*)

Christ gives us ⁽²⁰⁾ _____ life. (*John 10:9*)

The Truth concerning the door:

1. A door has two sides; a door divides.
2. A door can do two things – admit and exclude.
3. A door can be opened or closed.

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In the illustration our Lord is using to identify this great truth concerning the door of life, the statement, “I am the door of the sheep,” implies not a “door for the sheep,” but “the door to the sheep” – into the sheepfold. (John 10:1-2, 14:6; Ephesians 2:18)

Such a door can never be narrowed “to the fold,” nor widened. (Revelation 22:18-19) Man must come to the door, following the shepherd, entering in by faith through the door into the fold. (Hebrews 3:18-19)

A. Entering is by faith. One side is outside, and one is inside.

Illustration: Song – one door and only one, and yet its sides are two. Inside and outside, on which side are you? You cannot be on the inside and the outside at the same time. To be inside means you turn your back on the world, which has eternal consequences, and to be on the outside means you turn your back on God, which has eternal consequences. (Acts 4:12) When you enter in you find peace, joy, safety, and refuge from life’s trials and burdens. (Matthew 11:28)

B. While a door admits, it can also exclude. (Matthew 25:1-13)

When the invitation was given, the door was opened, but when they finally attended to it, the door was closed. (Revelation 4:1) In order to open the door, you must use faith’s key. (Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:21) Illustration: soldier’s dream, backpack, gear, protection, confidence, self achievement, left behind fit through the opening, but he never would have made it if he hadn’t left it all behind. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

C. A door can be opened to you, or you can open a door. A door can be closed to you, or you can close the door. The door is open to all, but not all will open the door. (Revelation 3:8, 3:20) No man shuts God’s open door. (1 Corinthians 16:9; 2 Corinthians 2:12) The door is opened unto men, but some refuse to go through.

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Conclusion; The journey of life includes the opportunity and access to the Door. When we by faith enter in, we are delivered from sin's penalty. We are part of the fold and entitled to all the privileges the shepherd provides. Outside the fold there is no safety, no salvation, no provision, no protection, no life only death. Quick! Get up, and go to the door and get into the fold.

THURA ANSWER KEY

1. *Jehovah*
2. *The Door*
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4. *Jehovah*
5. *I Am*
6. *The Door*
7. *Access*
8. *Through*
9. *Living Door*
10. *Shepherd*
11. *Thura*
12. *Sheepfold*
13. *Accepted*
14. *Life*
15. *Leader*
16. *Protector*
17. *Voice*
18. *Existence*
19. *Experiential*
20. *Eternal*