

“I Am 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).

Years ago, while preaching in Kansas, I visited a small tourist attraction in Lucas, Kansas, called “The Garden of Eden.” In 1905, Samuel P. Dinsmoor, a Civil War veteran, decided to construct his house and everything on his property of concrete. The giant gate, made of trees of concrete 40 feet tall, bears the title, “The Garden of Eden,” and features his version of Adam and Eve, along with many other bizarre images.

The house in which Dinsmoor and his family lived, a so-called log cabin, is also made of sculpted concrete logs, some up to 21 feet long. Each door in the house is uniquely different in its appearance and in its size. Yes, for those who are interested, Dinsmoor was even mummified and buried in a large concrete mausoleum in the yard, and may be viewed through his glass-topped concrete coffin.

In John Chapter 10, the Lord Jesus likened Himself to the door of a sheepfold. In fact, two times Jesus made this third “I Am” statement in John’s record: “I am the door” (10:7, 9). Jesus made it clear that there are not ten different doors, all different in appearance and size, in the kingdom of God. Jesus is the one and only Door given to men. With that in the forefront of our thinking, let’s examine this special revelation.

Jesus is the one and only Door of salvation! Earlier in this Gospel, the Lord Jesus said, “For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved” (3:17). Now He boldly asserts, “By Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.” Not only is the Door wide enough for “any man” to “enter in,” but also (and there’s no doubt about it!), every one who truly enters in “shall” be saved.

Jesus is the one and only Door of service! The words “in and out” in the phrase, “shall go in and out,” are terms of representative service. The priests, for instance, in representing the people before the Lord, went in and out of the holy place. As Saul’s representative, David “went out and came in before the people” (1 Sam. 18:13). To know and experience Jesus affords us more opportunities to represent Him than we can accomplish in a lifetime.

Jesus is the one and only Door of satisfaction! Jesus promised that those who enter in to spiritual realities through Him will “find pasture.” That is, they will be satisfied; they will be fulfilled. While the unbelievers of this world seek for fulfillment in everything but Jesus, the believers in this world find fulfillment in nothing but Jesus! The majority of Noah’s generation refused to enter the one door of the ark. Dear friend, make sure you get in the Door!

