**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 and John 10:1-18

**Singing:** 261 – 325:2 – 293 – 94:1-4 – 255

Question: *How many church goers are like seasoned air-travelers?*

**Jesus the Door**

I. Function of a door II. Character of this Door III. Use of this door

**I. The function of a door**

A. God placed before Adam/Eve two doors: *TO LIFE & TO DEATH*

1. Foolish and wicked was their choice to *step into Door Death*

a. result is stated clearly in Romans 5:12

b. to learn to accept this truth as true for you is a victory of grace

2. Since the fall the door TO LIFE is now barred

a. Access to door *LIFE* is barred by God’s justice & holiness

B. But behold. God provided a New Door to LIFE in Jesus Christ: vs. 7

1. This third ‘I AM’ statement is a tiding of great joy!

2. Jesus as the Door functions in *two ways*

a. He is first God’s Door to come to us *with His offer grace/mercy*

b. He is also our Door to return and come to God

● doors give access and Jesus as Door gives access pasture

● this pasture is *Life and life more abundantly* (vs. 10)

**II. The Character of the Door Jesus**

A. He is an **Easy Door**

1. There are no *conditions to meet in coming to Jesus*

B. He is an **Open Door**

1. Whosoever is welcome to enter through this Door

C. He is a **Wide Door**

1. I came not to call the righteous but sinners

*This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ*

*Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief.*

D. He is the **Only Door**

1. This truth became the *dividing point in Jesus’ ministry*

*There is none other name given among men, whereby we must be*

*saved (Acts 4:12)*

E. He is the most **Beautiful Door**

1. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift!

**III. The Use of the door**

A. A door only does us good ***if*** we enter it: vs. 9-10

B. Jesus promises that all who enter through Him, will receive three things

1. you will be saved

2. you shall go in and out

3. you shall find abundant pasture

C. What is to ‘enter this door?’

1. You enter *when you entrust yourself to Jesus as Priest and King*

a. to enter is *to submit yourselves unto the righteousness of God as*

*given in Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:4)*

b. to enter is when *with your heart you believe in His righteousness*

*and with your mouth you confess Him alone* (Rom. 10:10)

c. to enter is when you *obey the call of Paul’s Master: Repent and*

*believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31)*

Closing Call of God: ***Will you make use of the Door I have provided?***

*Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live;*

*and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.* (Is. 55:3)