

## TWO DOORS

### Part IV

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**John 10:1-7 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. <sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> lesson on "Two Doors."

Last week we answered the question, "Can you lose your reward?"

Remember **2 John 1:8,9**

**2 John 1:8-9 (NIV)** <sup>8</sup> Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who runs ahead and does not **continue** in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever **continues** in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

*Is it possible to walk through this door of freedom and somehow come back through this door of bondage? I know that none of you would ever do this, but there are people in this world that would.*

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NIV)** <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

[But we] We Christians.

[An incorruptible] An incorruptible, an unfading crown. The blessings of heaven that shall be bestowed on the righteous are often represented under the image of a crown or diadem; a crown that is unfading, and eternal

**Romans 8:18 (KJV)** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**2 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV)** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

**Luke 9:62 (KJV)** And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

**2 Peter 2:20-22 (NIV)** <sup>20</sup> If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. <sup>21</sup> It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. <sup>22</sup> Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

**Proverbs 26:11 (NKJV)** As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.

**2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)** For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.