



Roads and Rules

Matthew 7:7-14



Christ compels his followers to pursue God and others, so that we would strive for Christlikeness all the way to glory.

1. Going to God to Live Well with Others





**When we lift a text from the context,
we create a pretext for a proof text.**



Escalation of Needing God

**A. Keep
Asking**



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**B. Keep
Seeking**



Escalation of Needing God

**C. Keep
Knocking**



There is no limit to what God will give us if we ask according to his will and in obedience.



We treat others how we want them to treat us and how God has treated us.

Matthew 22:35-40

[35] And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. [36]

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” [37] And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

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and with all your soul and with all your mind. [38] This is the great and first commandment. [39] And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. [40] On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."



The main reason we fail in our kingdom living is that we are too preoccupied with self.

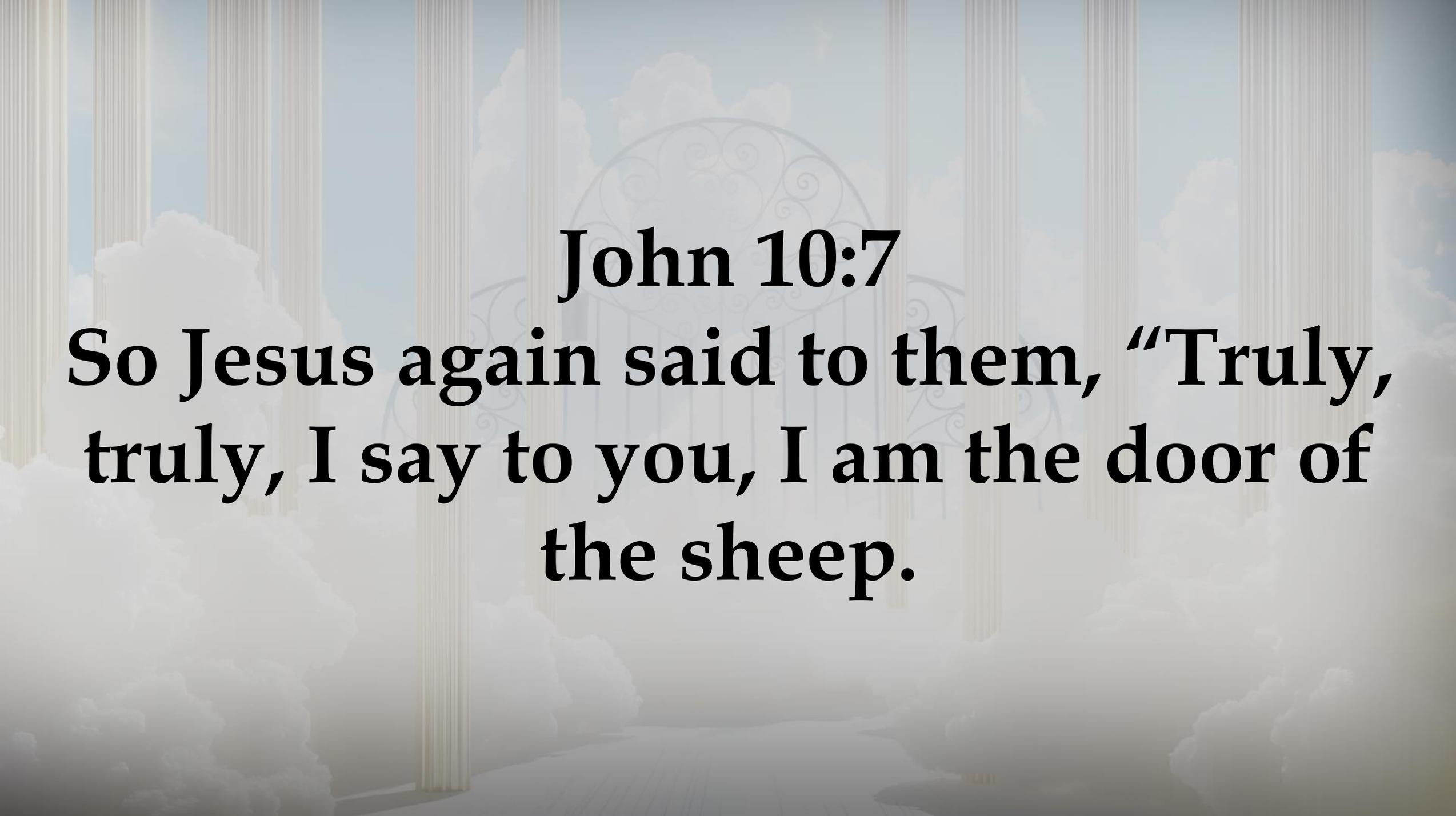
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to Live Well with
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**2. Jesus' Appeal
of Two Ways**



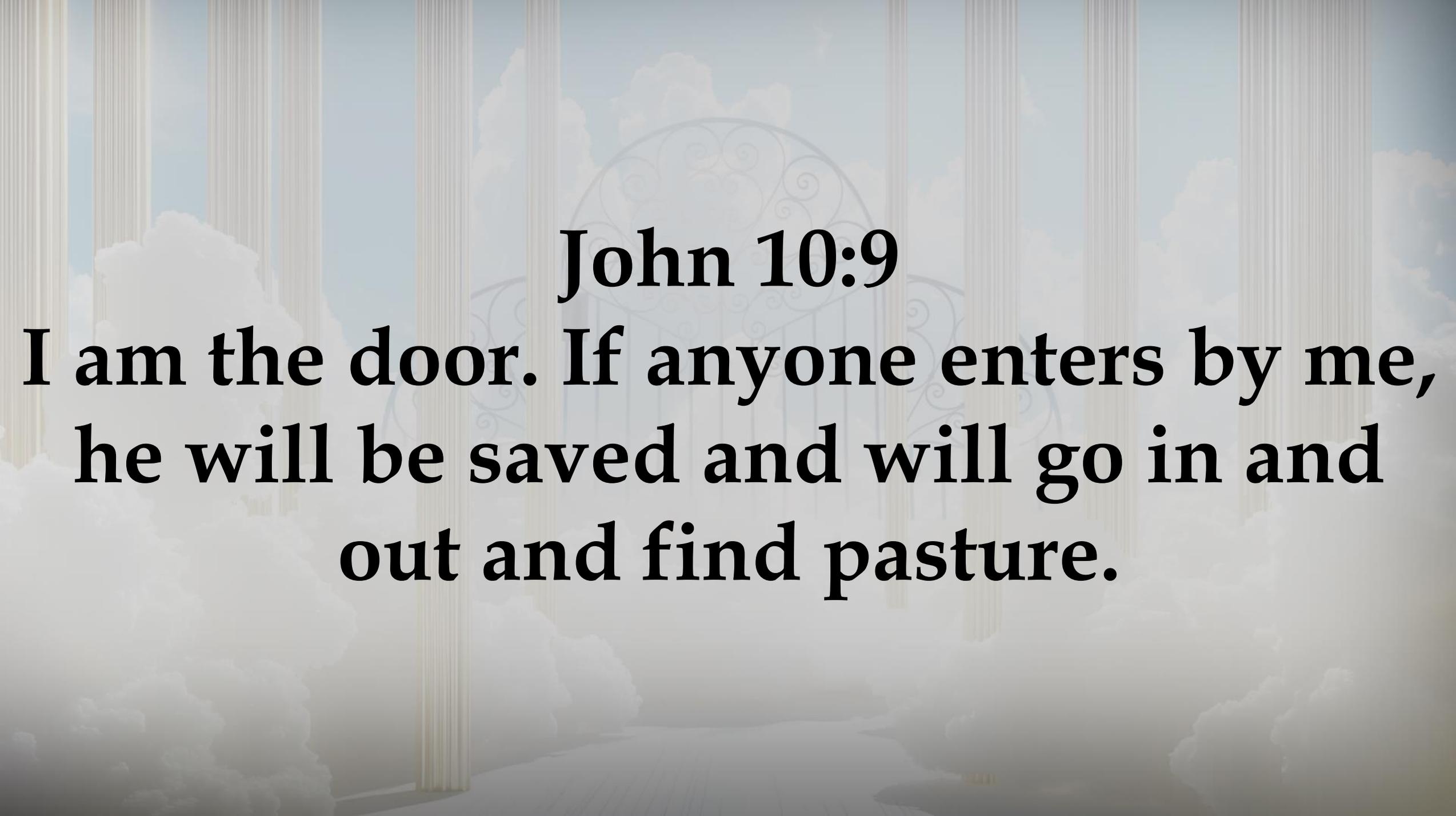


**Two paths, two gates, two builders,
two final destinations: destruction or
life.**

The background features a soft-focus scene with white, fluffy clouds against a light blue sky. Several tall, slender, light-colored columns are visible, suggesting a grand architectural space. In the center, there is a faint, decorative archway with intricate scrollwork and floral patterns.

John 10:7

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

The background features a soft-focus scene of white, fluffy clouds against a pale blue sky. A faint, decorative arch with intricate scrollwork is centered behind the text. The overall aesthetic is clean and ethereal.

John 10:9

**I am the door. If anyone enters by me,
he will be saved and will go in and
out and find pasture.**

Romans 3:10-18

[10] as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; [11] no one understands; no one seeks for God. [12] All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Romans 3:10-18

[13] “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.” [14] “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” [15] “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

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[16] in their paths are ruin and misery, [17] and the way of peace they have not known." [18] "There is no fear of God before their eyes."



The wide gate appeals to our natural desires.

James 1:2-4

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

John 10:27-28

[27] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.



Walking Points:

1. Pepper the door of heaven with your needs in obedience.



Walking Points:

**2. Treat others
how Christ has
treated you.**



Walking Points:

**3. Are you
among the few?**