

WHO IS AT THE DOOR?

Introduction

- 1) A **door** is a means of access, entrance, or exit; a door opens or closes a passageway
 - a) We use doors everyday in our homes, offices, cars, etc.
- 2) The Bible speaks about doors and their use
 - a) There are times we should open the door, and there are times we should close the door
 - b) There are doors we should go through, and doors we should not go through
- 3) Our heart has a “door” that allows access; Who is at your door? Will you open it?

I) **Important “Doors” in the Bible**

- A) The door on Noah’s ark (Gen. 6:16) – *salvation*
- B) The door with blood on it (Ex. 12:23) – *protection*
- C) Door of the tabernacle/temple (Lev. 8:3-4; 1 Kgs. 6:31-35) – *worship/service*
- D) The door of the sheep (Jn. 10:7-9) – *blessings*
- E) The door shut to the wedding (Matt. 25:10) – *judgment*
- F) The door standing open in heaven (Rev. 4:1) – *revelation*

II) **Important Lessons Learned from “Doors”**

- A) We should enter the “door of salvation” (Gen. 7:13-16)
 - 1) This door is provided by divine grace and entered by man’s faith (Matt. 7:13-14)
 - 2) Those who are outside are lost – they fail to enter because of ignorance, rebellion, or lack of readiness (Matt. 25:10)
- B) We should avoid the “doors” leading to evil (Prov. 5:8; Job 31:9)
 - 1) This would include doors of fornication, adultery, gambling, immodesty, drugs, drinking, false teaching, pride, wrath, etc.
- C) We should be careful what goes out the “door” of our lips (Psa. 141:3)
 - 1) Is it graceful words or corrupt communication (Eph. 4:29)?
- D) We should seek “open doors” of spiritual opportunities (2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:7-8)

III) **Who is At Your Door?**

- A) ***Satan and sin will knock at your door*** (Gen. 4:7)
 - 1) Cain struggled with anger and jealousy toward Abel – sin was at his door waiting to claim him; his choices were to give in or resist – he gave in (v. 8; cf. Jas. 1:14-15)
 - 2) Satan knows where to enter – through the door of our soul (mind, will, emotion)
 - 3) His means of entry is by the deception and temptation of our senses (cf. Jn. 13:2, 27); it is in this way he is able to corrupt our minds and lead us into evil
 - 4) We must keep our door shut against evil (Gen. 19:6-11); we would not let into our house a dangerous person or disease that could hurt us – keep Satan out!
- B) ***Jesus is knocking at your door*** (Rev. 3:20)
 - 1) Jesus will not force His way in, but waits until invited in by the believer
 - 2) Jesus knocks – He and His message are open and ready for investigation
 - 3) If we hear His voice by faith, we should open the door – Jesus will come in

Conclusion

We should open the door of our heart and life to Jesus while He still knocks and our door is still working. The opportunity is now to have salvation and fellowship with Jesus. In heaven, the doors [gates] will never be shut, for no dangers will exist (Rev. 21:25). Will you be there? Is Jesus at your door? Will you let Him in today?