

Doors Of The Bible

Introduction. In Luke 13:24-30, the Lord shuts the door and we are left knocking for entrance. How many doors did you walk through just today? We hardly even think of it, though, until perhaps we forget our keys. Doors can have a lot of meaning for us. They can be inviting and foreboding. We want the Lord to open the door so we can sit down at the feast. There are three doors that will help us to not be shut out of heaven.

I. ***The Door Of Protection***

- A. During the attack of the men of Sodom and Gomorrah, the door kept Lot safe (Genesis 19:6-11).
- B. In Job 1:8-12, God protected Job, even though Satan was allowed to tempt him. Satan could not cross a line and do anything he pleased.
- C. God is a shelter and a relief (Psalm 91:1-6, 11-12). That was an Old Testament promise, but we still are assured of God's protection today (Romans 8:31-39; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Ephesians 6:14-17).

II. ***The Door Of Deliverance***

- A. When Cain and Abel brought their sacrifices, and Cain was angry, God tried to get him to turn from his sin (Genesis 4:7). Sin is at the door for everyone, and we have to flee it.
- B. During the passover, the children of Israel put blood on their doorposts ultimately for deliverance (Exodus 12:21-23).
- C. Jesus is the way that we can be delivered (John 14:6; Romans 7:24-25). He is the door of salvation (John 10:7-9). You are the one who is going to have to go through it.

III. ***The Door Of Opportunity***

- A. Usually, when one thinks of "door," they think of an open door of opportunity (1 Corinthians 16:9; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Colossians 4:3). These doors of opportunity are for teaching the lost.
- B. The door of salvation will eventually be closed because either death will take us or the Lord will come again (Matthew 25:1-13). Opportunity will not last forever. Even if we are blessed with long life, our hearts may be hardened and we will resist the gospel.

Conclusion. In Revelation 3:20, a beautiful picture and a powerful statement is presented. Christ knocks on our door. He will not stop until the end -- until death or the end of the world. Also, please remember that the judge stands at the door (James 5:9). Will you answer His knocking? Will you be ready for His judgment?