

Devotional Thoughts :: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.”

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2021/11/9 21:04

There is a text in the Bible that is so often misused as an evangelistic text. It is not an evangelistic text. It is a text that is for God's people. God's covenant people. You may know where I'm talking about. Revelation 3:20 This is what Christ says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with Me.”

I tell you this, the picture in the Jewish mind of eating with somebody was intimacy. You know what Christ was saying? He's not saying this to lost sinners. So many people want us to believe that. He's speaking to a church. And He says this, I stand at the door and knock. And if you'll open to Me! Oh, brethren. What is it to open that door? And that text just rings of one from the Old Testament. Song of Solomon 5:2 “I slept, but my heart was awake. A sound! My beloved is knocking.” Is that not a picture of exactly what we find there?

Our Beloved is knocking. He tells us that. Christian, you can stand there and wonder, “Well, if I go hard after Jesus, am I going to find Him?” He says to churches, “I stand at the door and knock. If you'll open. I'll come in and sup with you.” You say “What's that?” I'll guarantee you this: it's worth having.

My beloved is knocking. You know what He says? “Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one. For my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night...” She finally got up and she went over. You know with that, that's a picture right there. What happens?

The Lord, my love, He's at the door. He's beckoning to me...

“Lord, not right now. I've got to check my email.”
 “Not right now. I'll get there though.”
 “Oh, you know my favorite show's on right now, Lord. Not just now.”
 “Oh, the guys are coming over, Lord. We need to hang out.”

Your Beloved is at the door. And we do the same thing. By the time she got up, by the time she got around to it, he was gone. If you have a heart, run when He beckons you. And He beckons you in the Word. Go there. You say, “Can I find Him?” You can find Him. If He says He's at that door and He's knocking, you say, “What does it mean to let Him in?”

Oh folks, you're very familiar with what it is to keep Him out. We don't have to dig too deep to know what it is. There's a thousand things in this life that pull our hearts away, that pull us away from Him.
 ...Obey. Pray. He beckons you to come. He beckons you to open. Open.

...Let's pray. Father, teach us all what it is to open that door. I know not what else more to pray right now. Just teach us, Lord. Give us a generation of men and women that are quick to open that door. I pray in Christ's name, Amen.

“Tim Conway

Re: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2021/11/12 5:27

Hi, I think this is a call to be a follower of Christ. I don't mean to become a Christian in the first instance... But truly in our sacrificial hearts a real Christian after we have first found Jesus.

He is still at the door of our heart.
 And wants our true conversion.

Those who obey me are the ones who love me said Jesus.

I think this could be what it's about.

I was just reading the preceding verse to Revelation 3 : 20.

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”
“ Revelation 3:19 (KJV)

To me the equivalent verse to this is in James 4 v 8.

Draw near to me and I will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands you sinners and purify your hearts you double minded.

Thanks for bringing up one of my favourite verses. To think the Lord has the interest in us people to want to knock on our hearts and. And call for us to truly follow.

Re: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2022/8/31 13:30

God is knocking at the door of some of the largest most successful churches in America, they have said we are rich, increased in goods, and have need of nothing. yet the Lord sees things very differently. He says you are blind, poor, naked, and wretched. Jesus wants to come in to the church that He is building. The call is to repentance, and great promises to those that do.