Is Jesus Knocking on Your Door?

Revelation 3:20-22 (NKJV)

Please turn with me in your Bibles to tonight’s scripture text in Revelation chapter three. And we’ll be reading verses 20-22.

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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever thought about the importance of doors in our every day lives?

We have FRONT DOORS.......BACK DOORS.......SIDE DOORS.......BEDROOM DOORS.......BATHROOM DOORS.......CAR DOORS.......and TRUCK DOORS.

Every single day we open doors and close doors........we lock doors and unlock doors.

DOORS come in all kinds of varities: There’s STORM DOORS.....HOLLOW CORE DOORS, SOLID CORE DOORS, INTERIOR DOORS, EXTERIOR DOORS, SLIDING GLASS DOORS, REVOLVING DOORS, AND AUTO-MATIC ELECTRIC DOORS just to name a few.
But in tonight's scripture text we are considering **THE MOST IMPORTANT DOOR OF ALL, AND THAT IS THE DOOR TO THE HUMAN HEART.**

**ILLUSTRATION**

The true story is told about a preacher who heard about a widow in his congregation who was struggling with such serious financial problems that her landlord was threatening to evict her from her home.

Out of compassion the preacher appealed to the other members of the congregation to help out this sister-in-Christ who was in such dire need. The response was over-whelming.

On the day the preacher went to the widow's house to deliver the huge financial gift he knocked and he knocked and he knocked on her front door and even called out the lady's name. BUT THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. Disappointed, the preacher got in his car and went home.

The following Sunday the widow showed up at Church and the preacher told her he had come by her house a few days earlier with a special gift.

The widow said, **“Oh, was that you knocking on my door?”** **“I was at home and I heard you knocking and calling my name, but I thought it was my landlord there to collect the rent money, so I pretended I wasn't at home.”**

This illustrates the way a lot of “professing Christians” treat Jesus. Jesus has a generous gift He wants to give to us, a gift that will bless us with an abundant life far greater than anything we could ever ask for or imagine. And yet so many treat Jesus as though He were some harsh landlord, and refuse to open the door and let Him in.
As we look at these few verses more closely, I would like to point out several key points:

First of all, I would have you to notice........

I. **The PERSON**

1. Who is that is standing at the door of the human heart?

   v. 20a  “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.”

2. It is JESUS CHRIST who stands at the door of our heart and knocks. It’s not the preacher. It’s not the pope. It’s not the president. **It is JESUS CHRIST, the Son of the living GOD.**

   * It is the **DIVINE** One knocking on the door of the **HUMAN.**

   * It is the **SINLESS** One knocking on the door the **SINFUL.**

   * It is the **INNOCENT** One knocking on the door of the **GUILTY.**

3. The same Christ who walked the dusty roads of Israel. The same Christ who walked up Calvary’s hill and laid down His own life as a sacrifice for your sins and my sins is the **One who keeps a vigil at the door of your heart and mine.**
Secondly, I would have you to notice...........

II. **His POSITION**

v. 20 a  “Behold I stand AT THE DOOR........”

(VIDEO SLIDE of Jesus Knocking on The Door)

1. It is very obvious Christ is standing on the OUTSIDE when His rightful place is INSIDE.

2. Many have believed this is a picture of Christ knocking on the heart’s door of the unsaved wanting to come in and bring salvation. But we must remember these verses in their proper context. Jesus spoke these words at the end of His letter to the “lukewarm” Church at Laodicea.

So it isn't the heart's door of unbelievers Jesus is standing at, **its the heart's door of lukewarm, self-sufficient Christians.**

**ILLUSTRATION**

I remember we were studying this scripture many years ago in an Adult Sunday School Class I was teaching. And one of the men in the class said, “I was baptized when I was young but it was many years later before I got serious about living for the LORD and let Him have all my heart.”
3. I believe a lot of Christians would admit the same thing if they were completely honest with themselves.

4. You see, Jesus “stands at the door of our hearts.” He doesn’t “barge right in.” He doesn’t “kick down the door.” He doesn’t “pound His fist on the door and demand to be let in.” He doesn’t even “jiggle the door knob to see if He can break into our heart.”

5. You and I are “the keepers of our own heart’s door.” We decide who we will let into our heart and who we will keep out. We decide who we will accept into our heart as a friend and who we will reject as an enemy or a stranger.

6. Jesus wants “full access” to our heart, not some of it, not most of it, He wants access to all of our heart. He wants to be our LORD.......and our KING.......and our VERY BEST FRIEND.

   But how much access He has to your heart and mine is entirely dependent upon us.

   Well we have looked at **THE PERSON**

   And we have looked at **HIS POSITION**

   Thirdly, I would have you to notice.......
III. His PLEA

v. 20b  “If anyone HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR.........”

1. What is Christ “pleading” for? Two things:

   (A) First of all, He is pleading for our ATTENTION.

   “If anyone hears my voice.” (v.20b)

   ILLUSTRATION

   One Sunday a Sunday School gave each of the children in her class a billfold size picture of Jesus knocking at the door. One little boy showed the picture to his dad when they got home from Church.

   The little boy said, “Daddy, why won't anybody let Jesus in?”
   His dad said, “I don’t know why son. Why does it bother you?”

   The little boy thought for a minute, then he said, “I guess everybody is just so busy in the back of the house they can’t hear Him.”

   Jesus is pleading for our attention! He is pleading for us to “Hear His voice!” How do we hear the voice of Christ? Does He speak to us audibly? Does He speak to us through signs? How do we hear His voice?

   We hear His voice through THE HOLY SPIRIT who communicates to us through the word of GOD.
Do you ever struggle with a sense of dissatisfaction in your spiritual life as though you aren’t where you ought to be in your walk with Christ? Do you ever get the sense that you are stuck in a spiritual wilderness and your Christianity has become dry and barren? Do you ever come under the conviction that your life isn’t as “fruitful” and “productive” as it ought to be? Do you ever come under the conviction that Christ is calling you into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Him?

Christ is **PLEADING FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

**(B)** Christ is also pleading for our **ACTION**.

v. 20b “If anyone hears My voice AND OPENS THE DOOR......”

Hearing is NOT enough! There must also be **ACTION**. Christ will never “force” His will upon us. He is the perfect gentleman who waits patiently for us to open the door of our heart.

The first time Holoman Hunt showed a friend His painting of Jesus Knocking on The Door, the friend said, “It’s beautiful! But I see one little mistake. You forgot to paint the latch on the door.” “Oh, that’s no mistake” said Hunt. “I did that on purpose, because the latch is on the inside.”
My friend, is Jesus pleading for **YOUR ATTENTION** and **YOUR ACTION**? I assure you, He loves you too much to just walk away. He will continue to knock on your heart’s door and plead with you until He gets your attention and you open the door.

We have looked at **THE PERSON**... **and HIS POSITION**... **and HIS PLEA**.

Finally, I would have you to notice........

**IV. His PROMISE**

vs. 20c, 21  “I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

1. Jesus gives us three wonderful promises in these verses.

  (A) First, Christ promises **HIS PRESENCE**.

  v. 20c  “I will come into him.”

  Can you think of anything more comforting than to know that no matter what you are going through in life or how difficult life becomes that you have the constant, abiding presence of CHRIST with you to strengthen you, and encourage you, and guide you every step of the way?
Secondly, Christ promises us **HIS JOY**.

v. 20c “I will come in to him AND DINE WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME.”

The picture here is one of **FELLOWSHIPPING** and **FEASTING** with Christ. Christ doesn't come into our lives to rob us or to impoverish us; He comes into our lives to bless us, and enrich us.

Anything we have to lay aside or give up for the sake of Christ, He more than compensates us with a life that is far more joyful and satisfying than the life we give up.

**He Promises His Presence!**

**He Promises His Joy!**

And thirdly, He promises us **HIS VICTORY**.

v. 21 “To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

Christ has already conquered **SATAN, SIN and DEATH** and through Christ, we are “more than conquerors.”

We don't have to strive to win our own victory over Satan, sin, or death. Through Christ we have already gained the victory and therefore we can live **VICTORIOUSLY** instead of living in defeat.
CONCLUSION

(VIDEO SLIDE OF JESUS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR)

A young boy was strolling through St. Paul’s Cathedral in London with his father when they came across a life-size painting of JESUS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR.

The boy studied the painting for a minute or so, then he said, “Dad, who is that knocking on the door?” The father replied, “Son, that is JESUS.”

The boy said, “Well who is on the inside?” His father replied, “Son, that could be anyone. It may be you or it may be me.”

The boy was silent for a moment, then he said softly to his father, “Dad, if I were inside, I believe I would let Jesus come in.”

Is Jesus knocking on the door of your heart this evening? Jesus will never allow you to be satisfied with a half-hearted, lukewarm commitment to Him. He will patiently keep standing at the door of your heart and knock......and knock......and call out to you until He gets your attention and you open up the door of your heart and let Him come in and take His rightful place upon the throne of your heart.

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