

A Warrior's Notes

Be Ready

“And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.”—

Matthew 25:10

“And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.”—**Genesis 7:16**

Both passages reveal a sobering and gracious truth: God provides a season of mercy, but that season is not endless. When God shuts the door, human effort, emotion, or regret cannot reopen it.

Readiness must come before the door is closed.

In Genesis, the Lord Himself shut Noah into the ark—securing those who believed and obeyed. In Matthew, the bridegroom shut the door, separating the prepared from the unprepared. In both scenes, salvation was available, but only to those who responded in time.

Noah and the Ark.

Noah preached righteousness while preparing the ark. The invitation was open for decades. Yet when the rain began, it was God—not Noah—who shut the door (**Genesis 7:16**).

Those inside were safe, not because of their strength, but because God sealed them in. Those outside were lost, not for lack of warning, but for lack of response.

Obedient faith enters while the door is open; unbelief delays until it is too late.

The Ten Virgins.

In **Matthew 25**, all ten virgins expected the bridegroom. All had lamps. But only five were prepared with oil. When the bridegroom came, the prepared entered, and the door was shut (**Matthew 25:10**).

The foolish virgins arrived later with words—but no access.

Association with truth is not the same as possession of truth.

Readiness cannot be borrowed at the last moment.

Today is the day of preparation. Christ is patient, but the door will not remain open forever.

Those who trust Him now will find security when God shuts the door. Those who delay will discover that opportunity has passed.

Be ready—not almost ready—before the door is shut.