

# **SIGNIFICANCE OF DOORS**

## **Choose your Future – Part 4**

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Doors surround all of us. Doors can be an entrance or exit. It can be a bridge to something great or a barrier. A door can be welcoming or unwelcoming, it can be accepting or rejecting. A Door can be a gateway and it can also be protection.

### **3 SPIRITUAL DOORS:**

#### **1. ENTRANCE DOOR**

**1.1.** Jesus is the first door we need to go through.

**John 10:7-10 (AMP) “So Jesus said again, “I assure you and most solemnly say to you, I am the Door for the sheep [leading to life]. All who came before Me [as false messiahs and self-appointed leaders] are thieves and robbers, but the [true] sheep did not hear them. I am the Door; anyone who enters through Me will be saved [and will live forever], and will go in and out [freely], and find pasture (spiritual security). The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].”**

**Luke 13:23-25 (AMP) “And someone asked Him, “Lord, will only a few be saved [from the penalties of the last judgment]?” And He said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door [force aside unbelief and the attractions of sin]; for many, I tell you, will try to enter [by their own works] and will not be able. Once the head of the house gets up and closes the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door [again and again], saying, ‘Lord, open to us!’ then He will answer you, ‘I do not know where you are from [for you are not of My household].”**

**1.2.** Walking through this door makes it possible for us to be free.

**Luke 4:18 (AMP) “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me (the Messiah), Because He has anointed Me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent Me to announce release (pardon, forgiveness) to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed (downtrodden, bruised, crushed by tragedy),”**

## **2. DOOR OF PRAYER & OPPORTUNITY**

**2.1.** We pray with a closed door because prayer is an intimate conversation with God.

**Matthew 6:6 (AMP) “But when you pray, go into your most private room, close the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you.”**

**2.2.** We mustn't neglect prayer. Persistent prayer opens doors.

**Matthew 7:7 (AMP) “Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you”**

**2.3.** We can have deep conversations with God, don't settle for a shallow relationship.

**Proverbs 25:2 (AMP) “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter”**

**2.4.** God will open doors for us and give us opportunities.

**Revelation 3:7-8 (AMP) “And to the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, He who has the key [to the house] of David, He who opens and no one will [be able to] shut, and He who shuts and no one opens: I know your deeds. See, I have set before you an open door which no one is able to shut, for you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not renounced or denied My name.”**

**2.5.** We should search for open doors.

**1 Corinthians 16:8-9 (AMP) “But I will stay in Ephesus until [a]Pentecost, 9 because a wide door for effective service has opened to me [in Ephesus, a very promising opportunity], and there are many adversaries.”**

**Acts 14:27 (AMP) “Arriving there, they gathered the church together and began to report [in great detail] everything that God had done with them and how He had opened to the Gentiles a door of faith [in Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour].”**

## **3. EXIT DOOR**

**3.1.** This is the final door we will walk through.

**Revelation 4:1 (AMP) “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a [war] trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”**

**3.2.** The last door will either lead to God or Satan. There is no place in between.

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**3.3. Only God knows when we will walk through the last door.**

**Mark 13:28-29 (AMP) “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: as soon as its branch becomes tender and it puts out its leaves, you recognize that summer is near. 29 Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, know [for certain] that He is near, right at the door.”**

**Luke 12:36 (AMP) “Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that when he comes and knocks they may immediately open the door for him”**

**Revelation 3:19-20 (AMP) “Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I rebuke and discipline [showing them their faults and instructing them]; so be enthusiastic and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behaviour—seek God’s will]. Behold, I stand at the door [of the church] and continually knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him (restore him), and he with Me.”**

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

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**OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

1. Do you know where you are going at the end of your life? Do you understand why that is your destination?
2. Is prayer still a part of your life or have you been neglecting it?
3. What types of conversations do you have with God? Do you stick to shallow subjects or do you talk to God about deeper things as well?