

I. Introduction

Revelation 3:8 (NKJV) – *I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name*

Revelation 3:8 (GNT) – *I know what you do; I know that you have a little power; you have followed my teaching and have been faithful to me. I have opened a door in front of you, which no one can close*

Revelation 3:8 (NLT) – *I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me*

A. What is the open door?

1. The open door is not specific to the context of Revelation 3.
2. The open door is thematic throughout scripture.
 - a. *God opened a door for Israel to the promised land.*
 - b. *God opened a door for Daniel when he came out of the lions' den.*
 - c. *God opened a door for Esther when she saved her people from destruction.*
 - d. *God opened a door for David to become king.*
 - e. *God opened a door for Elisha to become the servant of Elijah.*
 - f. *God opened a door for all his disciples to become servants of Jesus.*
 - g. *The Bible is a book of open doors.*

B. The open door in this series.

Through covenant and promises, God has set an amazing open door in front of His people.

1. The door to salvation.

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2. The door that includes healing, prosperity, success, victory, peace, joy, increase, promotion, etc.
3. Jesus summed it up by referring to “The Abundant Life”

John 10:10 (NKJV) – *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

4. Although the door is wide open, many are struggling to enter.
5. Although some have walked through the salvation door, the door remains closed to several other benefits afforded to us.

Psalms 103:1-5 (NKJV) – *¹Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: ³Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; ⁴Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; ⁵Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

6. The door is not limited to eternity in heaven, the door includes God's blessing upon the remainder of our life on earth. *Everything Included, nothing excluded!*

C. Although the door is open, there are many who continue to struggle with the hindrances standing in their way.

1. What is standing in their way (Your Way)?
2. Is it possible that there are specific things that are hindering you from walking through the door of victory, success, promotion, health, strength, or peace?
3. If so, what are those hindrances?
Some hindrances are so obvious that we do not need help identifying

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them. Others are hidden in the shadows and to be drawn out/revealed for us to move beyond them.

4. In this series, we will identify specific things that are holding us back and keeping us from walking through God’s doorway of provision, although He has already opened the door.

II. Having Faith for the Open Door

A. One of the greatest hindrances that stands in our way is a lack of understanding of that which God has done, is doing and will do for us.

1. There are things that God has already done for us – Past
2. There are things that God is constantly doing for us – Present
3. There are things that God will do for us – Future

B. There are many who question, “What’s really behind the door”?

1. I know my eternal salvation is through the door, but are there other things?
2. Is there really provision for my daily life on the other side of the door? *Isn't it all spiritual?*
 - a. Is there healing?
 - b. Is there protection?
 - c. Is there success?
 - d. Is there promotion?
 - e. Is there provision/prosperity?
3. **The Kingdom of God operates by principles. You cannot partake of the blessings of the Kingdom if you do not live by them.**
 - a. Faith is the language of the kingdom.
 - b. Faith is the currency of the kingdom.
 - c. You can only have that for which you can believe.

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- d. We must develop our faith for those things which are on the other side of the open door.
 - I believed salvation was through the door – I received.
 - I believed that the H.S. was through the door – I received.
 - I believed that Healing was through the door – I received.
 - I believed that prosperity was through the door – I received.
 - e. Wherever my faith stops, that is where my receiving stops.
Although the door is wide open – I am hindered from receiving.
4. **Just because it is available and the door is open, does not mean everyone will walk through and receive.**

Israel's failure to receive

Psalms 78:21-25 (NLT) – ²¹When the LORD heard them, he was furious. The fire of his wrath burned against Jacob. Yes, his anger rose against Israel, ²²for they did not believe God or trust him to care for them. ²³But he commanded the skies to open; he opened the doors of heaven. ²⁴He rained down manna for them to eat; he gave them bread from heaven. ²⁵They ate the food of angels! God gave them all they could hold.

Psalms 78:32-33 (NLT) – ³²But in spite of this, the people kept sinning. Despite his wonders, they refused to trust him. ³³So he ended their lives in failure, their years in terror

- a. They refused to trust him.
In spite of all the miracles He did, they refused to believe Him for protection and provision.
- b. They ended their lives in failure and terror.
*Their lives were filled with failure instead of success.
Their lives were filled with fear and dread.
(This is the curse in Deut 28).*
- c. The sin that brought the curse was unbelief.
*Unbelief is the greatest sin of all.
Unbelief will keep you out of your promised land.*

- d. Although the doors of heaven were opened unto them, they were unable to receive the fullness of God’s blessing for their life.
Many today are falling short of the blessings of God although the door is opened unto them.

C. The first step to entering God’s open door is to believe that it is available.

1. **God’s direction for his people is a blessed direction.**
2. **God’s direction always includes His provision, protection, and guidance.**
 - a. His provision is more than enough.
 - b. His protection is sufficient for every attack.
 - c. His guidance is accurate to keep us on His path of blessing.
3. **Whenever God says, “I will be with you” or “I will bless you,” He is saying that He will provide, protect, and guide.**
 - a. Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3 (NKJV) – ¹Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

- b. Isaac

Genesis 26:1-3 (NLT) – ¹A severe famine now struck the land, as had happened before in Abraham’s time. So Isaac moved to Gerar, where Abimelech, king of the Philistines, lived. ²The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt, but do as I tell you. ³Live here as a foreigner in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. I hereby confirm that I will give all these lands to you and your descendants, just as I solemnly promised Abraham, your

father.

NOTE: Isaac sowed and reaped one hundred-fold in a foreign land during a famine.

It would not have mattered where Isaac was geographically located, When the blessing door was opened to his life, HE WOULD BE BLESSED REGARDLESS of the conditions of the land. When you begin to enter the door of God's covenant blessing, you will not be so distracted by the natural conditions surrounding you. You will realize that you are blessed regardless of where you are dwelling. (career, community, family, etc)

c. Other Examples

- Jacob – **Genesis 31:3 (NLT)** – *Return to the land of your Grandfather and your relatives, I WILL BE WITH YOU*
- Moses – **Exodus 3:12 (NLT)** – *When God told Moses to go back to Pharaoh, He said, “I WILL BE WITH YOU.”*
- Moses prior to death/Appointing Joshua as leader

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NLT) – *Do not **be** afraid or discouraged, for the LORD **will** personally go ahead of **you**. He **will be with you**; he **will** neither fail **you** nor abandon **you***

d. Whenever God says, “I’m with You,” the door is open!!!!

Wide Open!

There is nothing that can keep you out unless you allow it.

e. We have a promise like Deuteronomy 31:8

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV) – *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*

If He is with us –

His blessing is with us.

His provision is with us.

His protection is with us.

*His guidance is with us.
His healing is with us.
His strength is with us.*

- III. Closing:** *Although He is with us, many struggle to enter the door of his great provision. Be convinced that the door is open. Be convinced that He has provided everything for us needed to live the abundant life.*