

THE DOOR THAT IS OPEN IN HEAVEN

Scripture: Revelation 4:1-2

Introduction

When every earthly door is closed, there is a door open in heaven. Jacob discovered this at Bethel; Daniel in the den of lions; John on the Isle of Patmos.

II. Limit set to domineering might and adverse circumstances

A. Job

1. Sons of God assembled before God
- Came by Divine Decree
 - Were not there by Choice
2. There to report on activities
2. God calls Satan's attention to Job
- God trusted Job
 - Was confident that Job would not falter

3. Satan's activity limited

B. Three Hebrews

- From palace to servitude
- Nebuchadnezzar's idol
 - Instructions to worship
 - Three Hebrews do not heed instructions
- King's wrath

...who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

Daniel 3:15b

4. Hebrews answer

O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer you in this matter.

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

But if not be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image that thou hast set up.

Daniel 3:16b-18

THROUGH THE SKY
ME, YET WILL I
TRUST HIM

I. Limit set to Domineering Might....

B. Three Hebrews:

5. Nebuchadnezzar could cast them into fire
 - a. Couldn't make fire burn them
 - b. Couldn't keep Jesus out

II. Vision of open door came on Patmos, not in Ephesus.

A. Ephesus was in midst of a great revival

1. John had a great ministry here
2. Was seeing the church grow

B. Patmos a place of adversity

1. No ministry
2. No congregation
3. No fellowship

C. Rome could take John from Ephesus to Patmos

1. Couldn't keep him from being in the Spirit on the Lord's day

2. **I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day....

Revelation 1:9-10a

- a. Not there by accident
- b. There for the word of God

III. When every earthly door is closed, there is a door open in heaven

A. Jacob witnessed the open door at Bethel

B. Open door is Heaven's entrance to the earth

1. When it is open, circumstances are meaningless
2. Get eyes off circumstances and onto the open door

RESPONSIBLE
CHRISTIANS WALK
IN THE SPIRIT

III. When every earthly door is closed....

C. Open door provides access to the throne room of the Almighty

And immediately I was in the spirit:
and, behold, a throne was set in heaven,
and one sat on the throne.

Revelation 4:2

Let us therefore come boldly unto the
throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy,
and find grace to help in the time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

IV. THE DOOR IN HEAVEN THAT IS OPEN
TO THE CHRISTIAN IS CLOSED TO THE SINNER

A. SIN SEPARATES FROM GOD

B. REPENTANCE + NEW BIRTH A
CONDITION OF ENTRANCE TO GOD'S PRESENCE