

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

Text: Revelation 3:20

I. THE ONE WHO SPEAKS, vs. 14. See 1:12-18.

II. THE ONES SPOKEN TO, vs. 14, 22.

III. THE SITUATION, vs. 15-19.

A. The King shut out of His kingdom.

The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you (LK 17:20-21)

Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, about the 6th hour. And [Pilate] said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him! ...We have no king but Caesar" (John 19:14-15).

B. The Head is shut out of His own house.

But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence & the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end (Heb. 3:6).

C. The Living God shut out of His own temple.

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God (2 Cor. 6:14).

IV. THE PLEA CHRIST MAKES.

A. Enduring. "I am standing..."

B. Persistent. "I am knocking..."

C. In effect, "I am willing."

V. TWO WILLS ARE INVOLVED.

A. Beck's translation: If you WILL listen to My voice & open

B. I WILL come in to you & eat with you & you with Me.

CONCLUSION: Perhaps you were brought up "in the church." But the question is: "Is Jesus in your life?" Perhaps you have been baptized. But the question is: "Is Jesus in your life?" Perhaps you are at least vaguely aware of the many blessings God has brought into

your life. But the question is: “Is Jesus presently in your life?” Or, maybe you have NEVER let Him in. In any case, He is willing. Are you willing? Are you ready?

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