

Heaven's King at The Door

Rev. 3:20

Introduction:

- A. Jesus stood outside knocking on the door of the Laodiceans' heart.
 - 1. Shut out by their lukewarmness. (vv. 15,16).
 - 2. Driven out by their self-sufficiency. (v. 17).
- B. Jesus stands outside knocking on the door of every sinners heart.
 - 1. Hearts where He has never been — like Eunuch. (Acts 8).
 - 2. Hearts where He once was — like Simon. (Acts 8).
- C. Jesus reveals two great truths about our salvation in this verse.

Discussion:

II. He Wants To Enter Into Every Person's Heart. ("Behold, I stand..and knock")

- A. Knocks at our hearts by:
 - 1. His goodness. (Rom. 2:4).
 - 2. His love. (Rev. 3:19; Jno. 3:16; 1 Jno. 4:19; 5:1-3).
 - 3. His awesome power and majesty. (Lk. 12:5; 24:25).
 - 4. Preaching that make us aware of these things. (1 Cor. 1:21)
- B. Knocks at our hearts because:
 - 1. He is anxious to save us. (Isa. 45:22; Mt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17).
 - a. Does not have to coaxed or begged.
 - b. He will hear! He is ready! — Will we hear? Are we ready?
 - 2. He wants to give us a good life now and forever (1 Tim. 4:8).
 - 3. We need Him and His, not He us and ours.
 - a. Some act as if Jesus needs them — not so. (cf. John 15:5).
 - b. Some act as if they do God a favor in obeying Him. (cf. Luke 18:9-14)

III. He Will Enter Into Hearts Only If We Open The Door.

- A. He will not force His way in. (cf. Isa. 59:1,2; Josh. 24:25).
- B. He will enter hearts that hear His voice and open.
 - 1. His voice says to believe and be baptized to aliens. (Mk. 16:16).
 - 2. His voice says to repent and pray (Acts 8:22) for backsliders.
 - 3. His voice says to the "be zealous and repent" to the lukewarm (v. 19)
- C. He is often left outside knocking because:
 - 1. Of the company we keep (cf. 1 Cor. 15:33)
 - 2. Of the life-style we love.
 - 3. Of the changes that He demands. (Lk. 14:26,27,33)

Conclusion:

- A. We had better let Him in while he knocks.
- B. Or we will be left out when we knock at heaven's gate. (Matt. 25:1-12; Rev. 3:7).