

Jesus At The Door

“Here I Am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20)

He is the son of the Most High. The son of God, the Saviour of this world who died on the cross and raised from the dead. He gives eternal life to everyone who believes in Him and follows Him. He is Jesus standing at your door.

Here I am! Jesus declares Himself, and calls everyone because He loves everyone; the good and the bad, the rich and the poor, the righteous and the wicked, the humble and the haughty. He loves all the people, and hates no one except sin.

Here I am! Jesus presents Himself to all categories of people; every nation, every tribe or race, whatever background, culture, education, or belief. **“Here I am!”** He is near to every humankind, whoever, whatever, whenever, or wherever they are. **“I stand at the door and knock.”** He is visiting all rooms, houses, flats and buildings. And He is knocking at the door of the heart of every man, woman, young and old. No group is favoured and no group is excluded. Like water sustains life and electricity that gives light that has to reach all places, Jesus is reaching and standing at the door of everyone. **Jesus is standing at the door and knocks.** But what is the response of the people for that knock on their doors?

1) They don’t hear the knock and don’t respond: They are sound asleep inside their dark houses. Life is occupied with business. They are interested in science and knowledge and all their desire is given to that purpose. They are so indulged in the worldly pleasures; women, wine, discos, pops, drugs, gambling and other immoral things. Those people live in darkness. They are so involved in the worldly things that their ears are deaf to the Lord’s voice. **“For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is the light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: ‘Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ (Ephesians 5:12-14)**

2) They listen to the knock but do not open the door: Jesus is light. Wherever He is, darkness vanishes and evil deeds are exposed. People whose lives are mingled with corruption, cheating, stealing, slaving people, practicing injustice or abuse will not allow Jesus to enter their lives and their homes. **“Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.” (John 3:20)**

3) They open the door but do not allow Jesus to enter in: In this category, the people recognize who Jesus is? But their previous traditions and culture prohibit them to allow Jesus to enter into their hearts and their lives. The religion they were born antagonizes the message of Jesus. They are in bondage, they cannot move outside their old belief. The teachers of the Law, the Pharisees, and the traditional religious leaders are in this category. Their religious prestige evades their belief in Jesus. **“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.” (Matthew 15:8-9)**

4) They allow Jesus to enter but only for sometimes: In this category of people, Jesus is only of value during the seasons of Easter and Christmas, or when a certificate of birth baptism or wedding is needed. They allow Jesus to enter, they share with Him a cup of coffee, and they send Him away. They open their doors for Jesus but only for a day per week. Jesus is a familiar figure to their homes only on weekends or worship services. They acknowledge Jesus on routine or only by tradition and special occasions. Jesus said, **“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” (John 15:4)**

5) They allow Jesus to sit in their lighted living rooms: They believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour. They allow Jesus to move freely to some parts of their houses and lives, but not to some restricted dark areas and aspects. To certain rooms and corners of the house Jesus is not allowed to enter. The people in this category lack integrity with the Lord in their personal and private lives. They are still living in darkness and sin at certain aspect of their lives. **“Fear God and keep His commands, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)**

6) They allow Jesus to live with them as a guest: They invite Jesus to live in their houses but they keep the keys with them. And Jesus cannot move freely or from place to place without their permission. They are the big masters of themselves. They are the Christians who know the word of God and they know what God wants them to do, but they are not doing. They prefer to do their own will, not the will of God. They live in certain sins not because they lack self-control, but because they abuse the grace of God’s forgiveness of sin through Jesus’ death on the cross. **“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.” (Hebrews 10:26-27)**

7) They invite Jesus to live with them and be their Master: These are the Christians who have dedicated their lives to serve the Lord. Jesus is their Lord and Master. They live and eat with Him. They do His will, and they are true when they say, **“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)** And they understand what the meaning of this word from the Lord: **“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.” (John 15:16)**

Jesus said, **“Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may also be where I am.” (John 14:1-3)** Jesus is coming soon, but whom He will take to be with Him forever? Surely, He will take those whom He is living and eating with. Those people who receive Him as Master and Lord of their lives while here on earth. They will be taken by Jesus to live and reign with Him forever.

My dear and beloved: You waiting for the Lord to come? Are you ready for His return? Jesus has been knocking at the door of your heart. You can let Him in to live and eat with you today and forever, as you say this prayer from your heart:

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, I open my heart for you. Please come in and let Your Words and Your Holy Spirit light up my house and my life. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Forgive me and my sins, this is my prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen!