



5784/2024 the Year of the Open Door - How to take Advantage of The Open-Door Pt. 3

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Revelation 3:7-9 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens': 8 "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.

Let's continue to look at the year of the Open Door 5784

The Number 84

80 – Pey in Hebrew- which means it is the decade of the voice, words, decrees, mouth.

4 - Dalet in Hebrew is pictured as a tent door.

Doors in biblical symbolism are used to identify portals, openings, and admittance points that allows what is in one realm or level to access what is in another realm or level.

The door now stands open and Jesus says no one can shut it.

The enemy knows he, nor no one else, can shut it.

When the second generation of Israelites came into the open door of what God had promised “the promised land”, they faced many oppositions, many challenges.

1. Jordan river- over flowing its banks. A test of faith. *Get in the middle of it before you see God move.*
2. Jericho – a fortified city- they had to position themselves to receive through obedience and praise.
3. Jericho- A test to overcome temptation. They had to win the war at Jericho, they have an abundance of resources at in the possession, but not take the spoil for themselves.
4. AI-A test to see if they would judge rightly among themselves and correct wrong when it was found among themselves.

The main reason the Children of Israelites lost at AI, was they fought against what they saw in the nature, not understand that AI along with all the other territories in that region were backed by demonic forces, probably principalities.

So, when God didn't go with them, they were just a natural nation trying to fight a supernatural entity.

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the



darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The main forces that are trying to keep you from advancing and taking advantage of the open door, will try to keep you from taking advantage of the promises of God and they will try to hinder your success.

The greatest and most effective open door is the door that gives us the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was the ability to hear the Gospel that led to our salvation! **Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

From hearing the Gospel of the kingdom of God comes the main resource of life, Faith.

Galatians 3:10-11 (NLT) So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

The word life here is in Greek "Zoa", which is a derivative of the word "Zoe", which means the God kind of life. It is the life of abundance to the full until it overflows.

It is the Zoe (God kind of life that Jesus came and died for us to have. **John 10:9-10 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 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.**

Notice Jesus says here not only will you be saved, but you will find pasture as well.

He is comparing people to sheep. Sheep want good green pasture. That's the desire of their heart. As born again as believers, we have a right to desire the good things of life and there is nothing wrong with that... As long as you stay in the will of God.

And God says, in **Psalms 37:4-5 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.** *This doesn't necessarily mean that he will give you what you desire, it means is that God will put the right desires in your heart so that you will have a desire for that.*

5 Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

The "it" here is our heart's desires, but we must commit our way of doing things to Him.