

## When God Closes a Door

Talking about opening doors in our lives now we want to look at what happens when God closes a door.

### I. PSALM 11

Psalm 11: 1 I trust in the Lord for protection. So why do you say to me, fly like a bird to the mountains for safety.

Where are you going to run to?

Vs 3 What can the righteous do?

Vs 4 BUT!!! The Lord is in his holy Temple. The Lord still rules from heaven. He watches everyone closely, examining ever person on earth...he hates those who love violence. He will rain down blazing coals and burning sulfur on the wicked, punishing them with scorching winds.

God does not just get mad and say that's enough and destroy everything.

Isaiah 5: 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? 5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." 7 The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress

EXAMPLE: AIG is not the big villain in our lives people. Breaking down of our wall of protection in lives and environment and all creation groans under the weight of sin.

What about us during these times?

### II. LIVED OUT IN THREE STORIES

#### A. THE BLOOD ON THE DOOR.

Exodus 12: 21 – 23 Not permit the angel of death to come through your door.

John 1: 29, 30 Jesus is the lamb that was slain.

Vs 51 he is the gateway that Jacob saw in Genesis

#### B. DOOR OF THE ARK

Vs 11 floodgates of the deep were broken up and the windows of heaven were opened up. That looks like judgment to me that God got mad at people.

Genesis 6: 6 He was sorry that he had made man. It broke his heart

Vs 16 Noah and his family were in the Ark and the Lord shut the door.

2 Peter 2: 5 – 9

Key Point: God knows how to rescue godly people from their trials,

(finishing the verse)even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment.

Hope you noticed in both of our examples so far. God spared the families from judgment. (parents and children)

### C. LOT AND SODOM

How do you become part of the hope or protection that God promises.

Lot is an example of the church today. His soul was tormented by the wickedness he was and heard day after day.

I don't believe that this wickedness was just in the society around him, I believe it was also in his own life.

Ezekiel 16: 48 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, your sister Sodom and her daughters never did what you and your daughters have done. 49 "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. 50 They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen.

Genesis 19: 1

1. Lot was a gatekeeper who was respected in the city
2. He had spiritual discernment when the two angels came to the city.
  - i. Know the voice of the shepherd and understand.
  - ii. 1 Chronicles 12: 32 men of Issachar who understood the times and knew what to do during them.

Lot's Battle against hidden sin in our lives.

1. Fear of not being able to overcome. Vs 2, 3
2. Trying to compromise with sin Vs 4 – 7 (My brothers)

- a. Shut door on the power of God behind him
- b. Battled it in his own power
- 3. Lot did not take the warning against sin seriously Vs 15 dawn you have to go
  - a. Jeremiah 18: 11, 12 “God is fashioning a calamity against you, ...but we say it’s hopeless for we are going to follow our own plans and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.”

God’s plan for deliverance

- 1. Angels reached out grabbed Lot and shut the door. Vs 10

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4)

- 2. Powers of hell blinded Zechariah 2: 8 anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession (or touches the apple of God’s eye) pokes him in the eye
- 3. Family told they will be spared. Vs 12

Key Point Again:

God knows how to rescue godly people from their trials,

Vs 18 – 21 spare those around us.

Not just sit in fear and let everything go around us.. We are called to be busy during this time.

Hebrews 13: 1 – 5 work with other people during this time.

I can do nothing until you arrive there. Shutting a door of protection around his people.

### III. GOD’S WALL OF FIRE.

Zechariah 2: 5 “Then I myself will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the lord. And I will be the glory inside the city”

EXAMPLE; 100 foot thick wall of fire around his people

Psalm 37: 18 - 25