

## **COME TO JESUS WHILE THE DOOR IS OPEN**

### **Noah's Ark, Heaven's Door, and the Invitation of Jesus**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Church, one of the greatest privileges God has given us is to invite people to Jesus Christ.

Not to a religion.

Not to a denomination.

Not to a church building.

But to a Savior.

The Bible is a book of invitations.

Noah invited people into the ark.

Isaiah invited people to come to the waters.

Jesus invited people to follow Him.

And the last invitation in the Bible is still being given today.

#### **Revelation 22:17 (KJV)**

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

The first invitation in Scripture is life.

The last invitation in Scripture is life.

And between Genesis and Revelation stands a blood-stained cross where Jesus Christ gave His life so sinners could be saved.

Today I want us to look at two men.

One looked forward and saw judgment.

One looked upward and saw Heaven.

Noah saw the flood coming.

John saw eternity coming.

Both are telling us the same thing:

**Come while the door is still open.**

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## **I. NOAH SAW JUDGMENT COMING**

### **Genesis 6:5-8 (KJV)**

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth..."

The world of Noah was prosperous.

People were eating.

People were drinking.

People were marrying.

People were building.

Life seemed normal.

Yet destruction was approaching.

The world did not believe Noah.

They laughed at him.

Mocked him.

Ignored him.

But Noah kept building.

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### **2 Peter 2:5 (KJV)**

"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness..."

Notice Noah was not merely a boat builder.

He was a preacher.

Every nail was a sermon.

Every board was a warning.

Every day the ark stood before the world saying:

"Come." For over 80 years

Church, that is our ministry today.

Every sermon says Come with us BOWFC.

Every testimony says Come with us BOWFC.

Every act of love says Come with us BOWFC.

Every invitation says Come with us BOWFC.

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## **THE ARK HAD ONLY ONE DOOR**

### **Genesis 6:16 (KJV)**

"...the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof..."

One door.

Not many doors.

One way.

Not many ways.

One entrance.

Not many entrances.

One salvation.

Not many salvations.

Today the world teaches many roads lead to God.

But Jesus said:

### **John 10:9 (KJV)**

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved..."

Not religion.

Not works.

Not money.

Not good intentions.

Jesus.

Only Jesus.

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## **THE SADDEST MOMENT**

### **Genesis 7:16 (KJV)**

"...and the LORD shut him in."

The day came when the invitation ended.

Only the ones right to go in.

Only the ones written in the Lamb's Book of Life go in.

The door closed.

The rain fell.

The opportunity was gone.

Imagine the cries.

Imagine the fear.

Imagine realizing Noah was right.

But it was too late.

Church, one day the door of grace will close.

One day faith will become sight.

One day eternity will begin.

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### **2 Corinthians 6:2 (KJV)**

"...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Now.

Not tomorrow.

Not next year.

Today.

THIS IS FOR SAVED AND UNSAVED. EVERY DAY IS YOUR SALVATION FROM BEGINNING TO END.

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## **II. JOHN SAW WHAT IS WAITING FOR THOSE WHO ENTER**

Nearly four thousand years after Noah, another man was given a vision.

His name was John.

Old.

Persecuted.

Banished to Patmos.

Yet God gave him a glimpse beyond this world.

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### **Revelation 4:1 (KJV)**

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven..."

Notice the connection.

The ark had a door.

Heaven has a door.

The question is:

Will we enter?

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## **III. THE FIRST THING JOHN SAW**

Many people say, "I will see you in heaven," or "I will see my family in heaven," or "they are in a better place."

## **Revelation 4:2**

"...behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."

John did not first see streets.

He did not first see family.

He did not first see mansions.

He did not first see angels.

He saw the King.

He saw Jesus.

The greatest thing about Heaven is not Heaven.

The greatest thing about Heaven is Jesus Christ.

The One who carried the cross.

The One who shed His blood.

The One who loved us when nobody else did.

The One who never gave up on us.

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## **IV. THERE ARE NO TEARS IN HEAVEN**

Church, every person here has known pain.

Some have buried parents.

Some have buried children.

Some have buried spouses.

Some fight sickness.

Some fight loneliness.

Some fight discouragement.

But hear the promise of God.

Keeping your eyes on Jesus will bring us to the promised land, to the ark, to the door of HEAVEN.

## **Revelation 21:4 (KJV)**

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain..."

No hospitals.

No wheelchairs.

No funerals.

No cancer.

No depression.

No accidents.

No suffering.

No graves.

No goodbyes.

Forever.

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## **V. WE SHALL SEE HIS FACE**

### **Revelation 22:4 (KJV)**

"And they shall see his face..."

Think about that.

The face Isaiah longed to see.

The face Abraham longed to see.

The face Moses longed to see.

The face Peter saw on the Mount.

The face that wore the crown of thorns.

The face that looked from the cross and said:

"Father, forgive them."

One day, we shall see Him.

Face to face.

Forever.

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## **VI. WHO ENTERS THAT CITY?**

### **Revelation 21:27 (KJV)**

"...but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Not the richest.

Not the smartest.

Not the most famous.

Not the most religious.

**Those who belong to Jesus.**

Those washed in His blood.

Those saved by His grace.

Those who put on Christ.

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## **VII. THE LAST INVITATION IN THE BIBLE**

The Bible closes exactly as it opened.

With God calling sinners.

### **Revelation 22:17 (KJV)**

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come..."

The Spirit says Come.

BOWFC says Come.

The Gospel says Come.

Jesus says Come.

The question is:

Will you come?

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## **CONCLUSION**

Noah saw judgment and preached.

John saw Heaven and testified.

Noah pointed to the door of the ark.

John pointed to the door of Heaven.

Jesus stands as the Door and knocks.

The ark door closed.

But Heaven's invitation is still open.

The flood came.

But grace is still flowing.

Judgment is coming.

But mercy is still available.

And Jesus is still saying:

**COME.**

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## **ALTAR CALL**

### **John 14:6 (KJV)**

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Church, if your name is not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, today is the day.

If you are weary, come.

If you are broken, come.

If you are lost, come.

If you are backslidden, come.

If you need forgiveness, come.

Because one day we will either stand outside a closed door...

Or we will stand before an open throne.

**Come to Jesus while the door is still open. Amen.**