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The Lord is standing at the door, knocking and calling.

In context, the Lord is speaking to a church who have shut him out of their life.(Rev 3:14-22). He is not pleased with them and He says “I will spue you out of my mouth”. The people were saying they had no needs, not even for the Lord, despite all that He is a patient Saviour and stands and knocks.

The Saviour has an interest in you.

Although written to a church we can see a wonderful picture of an individual and God. He wants to get close to you.

Wonder of condescension.

“Behold” - worth thinking about and concentrating on.

“stand” - He has for a long time and continues to do so.

“If any man” - none are too bad for the call. One must have started the rebellion but still the Saviour says, “Whosoever”.

Wonder of humiliation.

His first visit He was ill treated and rejected “ despised and rejected of men”(Isa 53:3). All the world gave Him was a cross and He went out of the world unloved “own familiar friend hath forsaken me” (Psa. 41:9) “All forsook Him and fled” (Matt. 26:56).

He stands with nail pierced hands, His heart as loving as ever. On the cross His love shone out to the thief beside Him.

Wonder of who stands.

The Lord Jesus Himself speaks.

“I” - He hasn't sent an angel or preacher.

He personally addresses us.

“I would not plead with thee in vain;
Remember all My grief and pain;
I died to ransom thee from sin:
May I come in? May I come in?” (Hymn – Behold Me standing at the door).

The one who stands is “King of Kings” - the supreme ruler

We are not knocking at His door but He is knocking at ours.

What does He aim to achieve? Our company, He wants to come into our lives. He wants us to open the door, He wants to come in.

“Open to me ...My head is filled with dew” (S of S. 5:2). As the bridegroom stands outside the bride makes excuses. We too make excuses when the Lord knocks at our door. He calls to us through the scriptures.

Jacob felt the knock of God (Gen 32:24-31), God dislocated Jacob's hip and caused him to limp. Jacob had had an experience with God and would not have it any other way.

The Saviour is not going to barge into your life. He wants you to open the door.

Holman Hunt painted a picture based on this verse which hangs in a gallery in London. In the picture there is no handle on the door. It was all intentional for the handle is on the inside. Only you can open it, draw the bolt and let Him in.

It seems simple but yet it is and it is true.

Supper was a time they could have fellowship and refreshment.

This is personal, to enjoy His company and allow Him to enjoy ours.

“Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb” (Rev 19:9). All together in the future.

We can all have Christ to ourselves. Before you can have that you must open the door and let Him in. He cannot be in the presence of sin so you must first repent of that and have it dealt with.

There is also a supper (Rev19:9) that will mean judgment for sinners.

On the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) two walked with down cast hearts, He came near and walked with them, they compelled Him to come into their home and He was made known to them.

You must repent of your sin and turn to Him. He wants to elevate us that we may enjoy rule with Him.