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## **“Doorkeeper”**

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

### **The Gracious Conqueror**

**Ps 24:7-10** – (7) **“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.** (8) Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! (9) Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. (10) Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!”

### **Last Days Determinant**

**Matthew 25:1-13** – (1) **“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.** (2) Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. (3) For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, (4) but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. (5) As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. (6) But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ (7) Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. (8) And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ (9) But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ (10) And while they were going to buy, **the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.** (11) Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ (12) But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ (13) Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**Key Point: The Wise are Watching & Waiting for Jesus**

### **Response**

#### **(1) Be Quick to Let the Master In**

**“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,** and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, **so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.** Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes...” (Luke 12:35-37)

**(2) Keep Your Heart Prepared for the Lord**

**“The preparations (*arrangement, order*) of the heart *belong to man,* but the answer of the tongue *is from the LORD.*” (Proverbs 16:1 *NKJV*)**

**(3) Do not be ‘Drowsy & Drunken’**

**“While they are saying, ‘Peace and safety!’ then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.”**

**(1 Thessalonians 5:3-7 *NASB*)**

**Questions:**

**What impacted me the most in this message?**

**Do I have an ‘open-door policy’ with Jesus? (Ps. 27:8)**

**Am I maintaining a heart that is prepared for the Lord? (Hosea 10:12; Prov. 4:23)**