

BBC - 4/20/25-Easter - Home Bible Study – “Two Doors”

Rev. 4:1 tells us that, “a door was opened in heaven.” What door was that, and what’s the 2nd door?

Only God can turn things intended for evil into Good. Genesis 50:20 quotes Joseph, saying to his brothers (*who intended to kill him; but decided to sell him into slavery, telling their father he’s been killed by a wild animal*), that what, “ye thought evil against me; ...God meant it unto good... to save much people.”

The greatest, most egregious injustice the world has ever seen, was when the Devil & a rebelliously sinful religious people rebelled against the innocent & sinless Son of God, by wrongly accusing him with false witnesses, then formally prosecuted, convicted, and sentenced him to death by crucifixion, through the authority of the government of the most powerful empire the world has ever witnessed.

But God, turned it all into Good, by creating through that injustice the only way for mankind’s salvation! God overruled the evil through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that ushered in an era of Grace and a glorious Church to proclaim His Gospel, so that all who believe might receive a glorified eternal life of everlasting righteousness as His “trophy,” as joint-heirs and ruling as a royal priesthood with Christ! Only God can turn things intended for evil, into Good. He did it by providing **2 access Doors!**

Discussion: *Are doors designed for unrestricted access, or as separation barriers to prevent access?*

Because of our sin, there is a ‘door’ in place that prevents our access to a holy God. But because of God’s love for us, He provided 2 Doors of access for us. Both are required, and in proper sequence:

Door #1 = sin - Jesus said, John 10:7 (*I am the Door*); In other words, Jesus became sin (the door) for us! 2 Corinthians 5:21 - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- **The 1st Door = sin** Jesus became sin for us, so that now He’s the Door. Yet that door remains locked!
- Jesus becoming sin for us is a huge first step. But a key is still needed to unlock & open that Door!
- Thankfully, Jesus didn’t only become the “Door,” He also was given the Door-Key by the Father!
- **What was that Key?** – The Resurrection from the dead! The Resurrection is what opens the Door.
- Jesus became the Door for us. His Resurrection unlocked the Door for us. He’s now the Open Door!
- Furthermore, Jesus not only opened the door, but He left the door open for us! – Revelation 3:7-8
- Jesus said, whoso enters His open door, can go in & out and find pasture (*life*)! – John 10:9
- Yet Jesus warns, there is a limited time for access... the Door will not always remain open...
 - Genesis 6:3, 7:16; Luke 17:26-27 – At some point God will shut the door. We must enter now!

Discussion: *How urgent is it for us to take advantage of His Grace-Age ‘open-door’ opportunity?*

Door #2 = the ‘door’ of our heart. By grace, God has given every man the Key to willfully unlock this door.

Jeremiah 17:9 - In its natural state, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.”

Rom 12:3b ...God has dealt to every man the measure of faith. It’s in our power whether to use this Key.

Ezekiel 11:19 - If we take God up on His offer, He, “will give them (us) one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh.”

- The **Key** to unlock man’s heart is **Faith**. A sufficient measure of faith has already deposited in us.
- That faith can only be activated by **belief** in God’s Word, by wholly trusting in Jesus (*the Open Door*)
- Revelation 3:20 - God pleads with us, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, & open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

• Seek entry in God’s appointed time (He has already provided both Doors & Keys!) – Isaiah 55:6-7

• Harden not (don’t dead-bolt) your heart – Psalms 95:7-8; Hebrews 3:7-8

• Without (*the exercise of*) the faith He’s equipped us with, it is impossible to please God! – Heb 11:6

• How can we escape if we neglect so great salvation? – Hebrews 2:3

Discussion: *How does our 2025 theme-verse, John 9:4, speak to the above 2-Door/Key discussion?*