

# OPENING THE DOOR TO GOD

## Part 1: Honor And Offense

***(Revelation 3:20, 22 NKJ)*** 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.  
22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

### OUR PART: RESPONDING TO HIM

- ❖ He is not forcing Himself
  - ◆ Not only knocking but calling
  - ◆ Hear and respond
  - ◆ When He comes in - it's a good thing
  - ◆ He who has an ear - refers to a willingness to hear

### CLOSING JESUS OUT *(Mark 6:1-6 NKJ)*

- ❖ Asking the wrong questions
  - ◆ We don't get it - how?
  - ◆ Isn't this the carpenter? Who? *(John 1:25 NKJ)*
  - ◆ They became offended at Him *(1 Samuel 2:30 NKJ)*
  - ◆ He could do no work of power there *(John 3:16 NKJ)*

### A WIDE OPEN DOOR *(Mark 6:53-56 NKJ)*

- ❖ They recognized Him
  - ◆ They did not question who or how
  - ◆ They recognized Him as a healer and miracle worker
- ❖ There was a level of excitement and expectation
  - ◆ They ran throughout the whole region
  - ◆ People run out of fear - can also run out of faith *(James 2:20 NKJ)*  
*(Romans 15:13 NKJ)*
  - ◆ Putting sick people in the marketplace is not conventional thinking
- ❖ They were honoring toward Jesus
  - ◆ They asked urgently and fervently - they did not demand
  - ◆ They did not ask for special attention - just let us touch your clothes, no need to stop
  - ◆ They treated Him as special and greater