

#### INTRODUCTION

Beloved, today we gather to explore a profound truth that resonates throughout Scripture: the concept of divine doors. These are not just ordinary doors; they are supernatural gateways that lead us into our God-given destinies. As we delve into this topic, I pray that our hearts are opened to recognize and walk through the doors that God has set before us.

## I. Understanding Divine Doors

# 1. Scriptural Foundations

- In Isaiah 22:22, we read, "And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open." This verse speaks of authority and divine access. God holds the keys to our destinies, and He opens doors that no one can close.
- Hebrew Insight: The word once (Patah) means "to open," conveying the idea of making a way. The "key" symbolizes God's sovereignty over our paths.
- In Revelation 3:7-8, we find, "He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." Here, we see that God is in control of the spiritual realm, opening opportunities for His people.
- Sages' Insight: Jewish sages emphasize the significance

of the key as a symbol of authority, suggesting that the Messiah holds the keys to both physical and spiritual realms.

### II. The Journey Through Divine Doors

# 1. Preparation for the Journey

- Just as the Israelites prepared to leave Egypt, we must be ready to embrace what God has for us. Exodus 14:21-22 illustrates how God opened the Red Sea, allowing His people to escape bondage. This was a moment of preparation and faith.
- Metaphorical Insight: The parting of the Red Sea represents a divine intervention that leads to deliverance and new beginnings. The sea represents obstacles, while the open path signifies God's miraculous provision.
- Are you ready to step through the door? Preparation often involves prayer, fasting, and seeking God's will.

# 2. Walking Through Adversity

- In 1 Corinthians 16:9, Paul states, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." The presence of adversaries does not negate the opportunity. Instead, it often confirms that we are on the right path.
- Metaphorical Insight: Adversity can be a sign that we are

stepping into our destiny. Just as the Israelites faced the Red Sea and the pursuing Egyptians, we may encounter obstacles that test our faith.

### III. The Impact of Divine Doors on Our Destiny

#### 1. Transformational Encounters

- In 1 Samuel 3:21, God revealed Himself to Samuel. This divine encounter was a pivotal moment in Samuel's life, setting him on a path of prophetic destiny. When we encounter God through the open doors He provides, we are transformed.
- Metaphorical Insight: Each divine door leads to deeper intimacy with God, preparing us for our calling. Samuel's experience underscores the importance of being receptive to God's voice.

### 2. Impact on Others

- Our journey through divine doors does not just affect us; it impacts those around us. When we walk in obedience, we become vessels of God's grace and truth, influencing our families, communities, and the world.
- Example from Joshua 3:14-17: The crossing of the Jordan River not only fulfilled God's promise to Israel but also served as a testimony to the nations around them. The opening of the river symbolizes God's faithfulness and

power, encouraging others to trust in Him.

## IV. Supernatural Divine Doors in the Old Testament

# 1. The Exodus from Egypt

- Exodus 12:31-32 God opened the door for the Israelites to leave Egypt, marking a new beginning. This door was not just physical but also spiritual, leading them into the promise of freedom.
- Metaphorical Insight: The Exodus represents liberation from bondage, signifying God's desire to bring His people into a place of promise and purpose.

#### 2. The Provision of Manna

- Exodus 16:4 God opened the heavens to provide manna for His people in the wilderness. This supernatural provision illustrates God's care and sustenance.
- Hebrew Insight: The word n<sub>I</sub> (Manna) means "What is it?" reflecting the mystery of God's provision. It symbolizes the unexpected ways God meets our needs.

### 3. The Call of Moses

• Exodus 3:2-4 - God opened a door of communication through the burning bush, calling Moses to lead His people. This encounter was pivotal for Moses' destiny and the destiny of Israel.

• Sages' Insight: Jewish tradition teaches that the burning bush symbolizes God's presence in the midst of suffering, illustrating His willingness to intervene in human affairs.

### V. Supernatural Divine Doors in the New Testament

## 1. The Birth of Jesus

- Luke 2:10-12 The angel announced the birth of Christ, opening the door to salvation for all humanity. This divine door signifies the fulfillment of God's promise.
- Metaphorical Insight: Jesus is the ultimate divine door, leading us to reconciliation with God and eternal life.

#### 2. The Great Commission

- Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus opened the door for His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. This command empowers us to fulfill our divine purpose.
- Impact on the Apostolic Pentecostal Church: The Great Commission continues to resonate within the Apostolic Pentecostal movement, urging believers to step through the doors of evangelism and discipleship.

# 3. The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

• Acts 2:1-4 - The day of Pentecost marked an open door to the empowerment of the Church. The Holy Spirit enables believers to fulfill their divine calling.

• Metaphorical Insight: The outpouring represents a new beginning for the Church, equipping it to spread the Gospel with boldness and power.

# VI. Responding to the Call of Divine Doors

### 1. Prayer and Discernment

- As we seek to walk through these supernatural doors, we must commit to prayer and discernment. Ask God to reveal the doors He has opened for you and the wisdom to navigate them.
- In Colossians 4:3, Paul urges prayer for open doors of utterance. Let us pray for clarity and boldness as we step into our destinies.

### 2. Obedience and Faith

- The act of stepping through the door requires faith and obedience. We must trust that God will guide us, even when the path seems uncertain.
- Remember, the journey may be rough and rocky, but it is through these experiences that we grow and mature in faith.

#### Conclusion

Beloved, I encourage you today to be attentive to the divine doors that God is opening in your life. These doors are not just opportunities; they are pathways to your destiny. Seek His guidance, prepare your heart, and be ready to step through, even in the face of adversity.

As we embrace the supernatural divine doors, let us remember that they lead us closer to God's purpose, transform our lives, and impact those around us. May we walk boldly into our destinies, knowing that He who opens the doors is faithful to lead us every step of the way.

# Paul's Writings

- 1. 1 Corinthians 16:9"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."
- 2. 2 Corinthians 2:12-13"Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia."
- 3. Colossians 4:3"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds."

### **Book of Revelation**

- 1. Revelation 3:7-8 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."
- 2. Revelation 4:1"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter."

# Other Epistles

While the concept of an "open door" is most explicitly mentioned in the scriptures above, the theme of God providing opportunities for ministry and service can also be found throughout Paul's letters, even if the specific phrase "open door" is not used.

Ifyou're looking for additional themes related to opportunity, ministry, and God's guidance in Paul's writings, you may want to explore passages that discuss God's calling and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Below is a list of scriptures from both the Old and New

Testaments that reference the concept of "open doors," along with insights into their metaphorical meanings. Additionally, I will provide some Hebrew meanings related to the concept of "open doors."

### Old Testament Scriptures

- 1. Isaiah 22:22"And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open."
- Metaphorical Insight: This verse speaks of authority and access. The "key" represents the power to open and close opportunities, symbolizing God's sovereignty.
- 2. Psalm 24:7"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."
- Metaphorical Insight: The gates and doors symbolize openness to God's presence and glory. It signifies readiness to receive divine visitation.
- 3. Revelation 3:7-8 (mentioned earlier) "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth..."
- Metaphorical Insight: This passage emphasizes God's control over access to spiritual truths and blessings. New Testament Scriptures

- 1. 1 Corinthians 16:9"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."
- Metaphorical Insight: The "great door" symbolizes opportunities for ministry and service, indicating that with opportunity often comes opposition.
- 2. 2 Corinthians 2:12-13"Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord..."
- Metaphorical Insight: This illustrates God's guidance in ministry, showing that He opens doors for preaching and spreading the Gospel.
- 3. Colossians 4:3"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ..."
- Metaphorical Insight: This emphasizes the importance of prayer in seeking divine opportunities for witness and proclamation.

# Hebrew Meanings Related to "Open Doors"

- חתפ. (Patah) This Hebrew word means "to open" or "to loosen." It conveys the idea of making a way or providing access.
- Usage: Often used in contexts where God opens paths or opportunities for His people.

- 2. תלד (Delet) This means "door" and can refer to both literal doors and metaphorical doors (opportunities).
- Usage: It is used in various contexts throughout the Old Testament to signify entry points or barriers.
- 3. בל חתפ (Patah Lev) This phrase means "to open the heart," indicating God's work in making someone receptive to His message or call.

# Examples of Divine Openings in the Old Testament

- 1. Exodus 14:21-22 The parting of the Red Sea: "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."
- Insight: This is a supernatural opening that allowed the Israelites to escape Egypt, symbolizing deliverance and new beginnings.
- 2. Joshua 3:14-17 The crossing of the Jordan River: "And it came to pass, as the people removed from their tents to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people..."
- Insight: God opened the waters of the Jordan River, allowing His people to enter the Promised Land, representing faith and obedience.
- 3. 1 Samuel 3:21 God revealing Himself to Samuel: "And

the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord."

• Insight: This signifies a divine opening of communication and revelation, indicating God's active presence among His people.

### Conclusion

The concept of "open doors" in Scripture often symbolizes opportunities for ministry, access to God's presence, and divine intervention in the lives of His people. The metaphorical insights reveal the importance of recognizing and responding to these divine openings while being aware of the adversities that may accompany them.

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