

Wednesday Bible Study – October 22, 2014

"Unhurried Fellowship" – (Revelation 3:20)

Read [Revelation 3:14-22](#). ([Listen to Sermon Audio](#))

The evil system of this world is too subtle, too designing, and too contriving to be handled by a believer minus spiritual food residing in the soul. We should never divorce ourselves from our Source of Strength; our source of strength is God and His Word.

- Truth antagonizes those who are involved in the cosmic system.
- What a person thinks in his soul is far more important than what he sees with his eyes.
- Happiness does not mean having a good time; it is *having your priorities straight*; it's what *you think*.
- You cannot have a true scale of values in your life, unless the Word of God has TOP PRIORITY.

Exegesis of [Revelation 3:20](#) – "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will enter to him and I will dine with him, and he with Me.*"

EIDOU – Aorist Active Imperative from HORAIO means *a long look*. The middle voice means that the person is benefited if they are willing to take the long look, and see the need to pay attention to the warning of our Lord.

KROUO – Knock

EAN – If, third class condition, combined with verbs in the subjunctive mood; *if (maybe so, maybe no) anyone hears My voice...*

DEIPNEO – I will dine [with him, and he with me]. The Lord Jesus Christ wants to have close fellowship and communion with us, and He wants us to have close fellowship and communion with Him.

Revelation 3:1 Notes

This is not a verse related to Salvation.

Jesus Christ never comes to present himself.

The presentation of the message in Salvation is a ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ is the only savior and is always presented by the Holy Spirit.

"Behold" *Idou* (Ἰδου). The particle formed from the AAImp of *horaio* (ὁράω). Regroup the thinking – Refocus – Look.

"I stand up to the door (with the result that I keep on standing) and knock (at your soul-door)".

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DOOR OF BELIEVER'S SOUL

1. Jesus Christ is vividly presented here as being outside the door of the soul – not lost BUT not in fellowship.
2. A believer cannot be under the control of the OSN and Jesus Christ at the same time.
3. The o/f believer is presented in Rev. 3:18.
4. The discipline for this condition is presented in Revelation 3:19.
5. Now, this verse tells us that Jesus Christ would rather be in control – on the inside than a warning knock on the outside.
6. The door indicates the choice (volition) of the soul of the believer.
7. The door, you will note, is closed. WHY? Negative decisions are the reason.
8. This believer has been deciding against the intake of spiritual food – under the control of the OSN and not the control of Jesus Christ (this can be either antagonism or indifference to the intake of the Word of God).

"I stand up to the door with the result that I keep on standing". This is the soul-door of the low-road believer.

"stand" (Pf.A.I. 1st p.s. of ἵστημι – completion of the action of the verb, with continuation of the action of its results)

"at the door" ἐπὶ τῇ θύρᾳ (Preposition + accusative of θύρα)

This shows Jesus Christ outside the believer's soul – looking in – and knocking to regain fellowship.

In the ancient Greek civilization, there were several Greek words describing the types of meals they had:

- 1st – AKRATISMA – (ἀκρατίσμα) – this was right after sunrise.
- 2nd – ARISTON – (ἀκρίστον) – this was like a stop by the roadside or city square to eat, not the main meal.
- 3rd – DEIPNON – (δείπνον) – This is the word used in this verse 20; it described the main meal, a time of family fellowship, *an unhurried meal*.

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Ancient Greek Words for the Three Major Meals per Day

- I. Akratisma – ἀκρατίσμα – to break the Fast – right after sun rise – Barley bread soaked in wine-olives and figs were optional.
- II. Akriston – ἀκρίστον – mid day snack – usually eaten on road side, or at the city square.
- III. Deipnon (noun) δείπνον (the verb is δείπνηω) deipneo – This was the evening meal, the largest meal. It was dinner, unhurried, a lingering time to visit; it was a time of conversation.

The Lord is emphasizing a TWO WAY relationship here: He wants to dine with us, and He wants for us to dine with Him.

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The last two verses of this chapter will be analyzed next Sunday morning.