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**1844 and Why Most of Christianity
is already being Left Behind**

**OPEN DOOR
SHUT DOOR**

Why this paper?

There is a lot of *CONFUSION* in Christianity, differences in views and practice.

The Bible has several “open and shut doors” in Scripture.

What do they tell us; can they help us out?

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Summary:

Open means **GO!**

shut means **YOU CAN'T GO THROUGH**

Take home lesson:

*God is very **Merciful**, but not for forever.*

"1844 and Why Most of Christianity is already being Left Behind (Open Door / Shut Door)"

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Section 1: Open and SHUT Doors

PART 1) NOAH

*And they that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and **the LORD shut him in.** (Genesis 7:16)*

Eventually, Noah entered the ark (with 7 others plus clean and unclean animals, i.e. Genesis 7:6-9). Unbeknownst to the people of the land, **the door shut** (Gen. 7:16) and their probation had closed—they obviously couldn't get into the ark after that.

What is probation?: A trial, examination, or period of time. I love all three definitions from The Sage Dictionary (software by Sequence Publishing, i.e. ver 6.2 from www.sequencepublishing.com/thesage.html):

1. A way of dealing with offenders without imprisoning them....
2. A trial period during which an offender has time to redeem himself or herself.
3. A trial period during which your character and abilities are tested to see whether you are suitable for work or for membership.

The LORD did this (v.7:16), not Noah or mankind, and the people didn't know it had happened (such as Matthew 24:39 when Jesus recounts the story).

1. There was a warning, a message:
*Then the LORD said, "**My spirit shall not abide in man for ever**, for he is flesh, but his days shall be a hundred and twenty years." (Genesis 6:3)*
2. The Lord had (somehow) already judged (determined) Noah:
*Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for **I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.** (Gen. 7:1 & 6:9)*
3. After they had entered the ark, the waters didn't come immediately; there was a delay:
*And **after seven days** the waters of the flood came upon the earth. (Gen. 7:10)*
4. Everything left behind outside the ark was lost (in this case, died):
*And **all flesh died** that moved upon the earth, birds, cattle, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm upon the earth, and every man; (22) everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. (23) He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. (Gen. 7:21-23)*

Jesus said the Second Coming would be similar:

*"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. (37) **As were the days of Noah**, so will be the coming of the Son of*

man. (38) For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, (39) and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man.” (Matthew 24:36-39)

PART 2) SODOM

*But the men [the angels] put forth their hands and brought Lot into the house to them, and **shut the door**. (Genesis 19:10)*

There's a shut door in Sodom.

1. Two angels came to Sodom (Gen. 19:1)
2. The men of the city surrounded Lot's house (19:4)
3. The crowd was wicked (19:5,9 & 18:20, and earlier in Gen. 13:13)
4. Lot went out and pleaded with them (19:6-8)
5. And the angels shut the door (19:10)

In Revelation 14, the Three Angels' Messages, the first two angels describe the conditions at that time, and the third indicates judgment or destruction:

1st Angel: Fear God, give Him glory... (Rev. 14:6-7)

2nd Angel: Babylon is fallen (Rev. 14:8)

3rd Angel: If any man worships the beast and his image ... (Rev. 14:9-11)

There is a parallel here with Sodom. In Sodom, first the two angels, then a shut door, after that the destruction came. If people don't respond to the everlasting gospel and what time we're living in (1st Angel) or what Babylon is or that it's Fallen (2nd Angel Rev. 14:8 & 18:2) and therefore to "come out of it" (Rev. 18:4), then destruction awaits them (3rd Angel).



The purpose of the shut door here in Sodom was to keep the wicked from continuing in their wicked ways, and to prevent them from surviving and escaping, thus continuing their wickedness and evil.

PART 3) 10 Virgins

*"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens [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 slumbered and slept. (6) But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' (7) Then all those maidens 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 replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' (10) And while they went 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 maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' (12) But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' (13) Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'" (Matthew 25:1-13)*

Jesus tells this to his disciples after Matthew 24 (which are End-Times events as indicated in Matthew 24:3). In the parable, there was a shut door (v.25:10), but people still tried to enter after it was closed (v.11). Probation had closed, and it was indeed too late.



(This parable could also be a prevention against those who wait or put off becoming Christians and instead just watch those who are and when "they get ready, then I'll get ready." God is aware of such falsehood.)

PART 4) Parable of the Closed Door

*"Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. (25) When once the householder has risen up and **shut the door**, you will begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' (26) Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' (27) But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!'" (Jesus in Luke 13:24-27)*

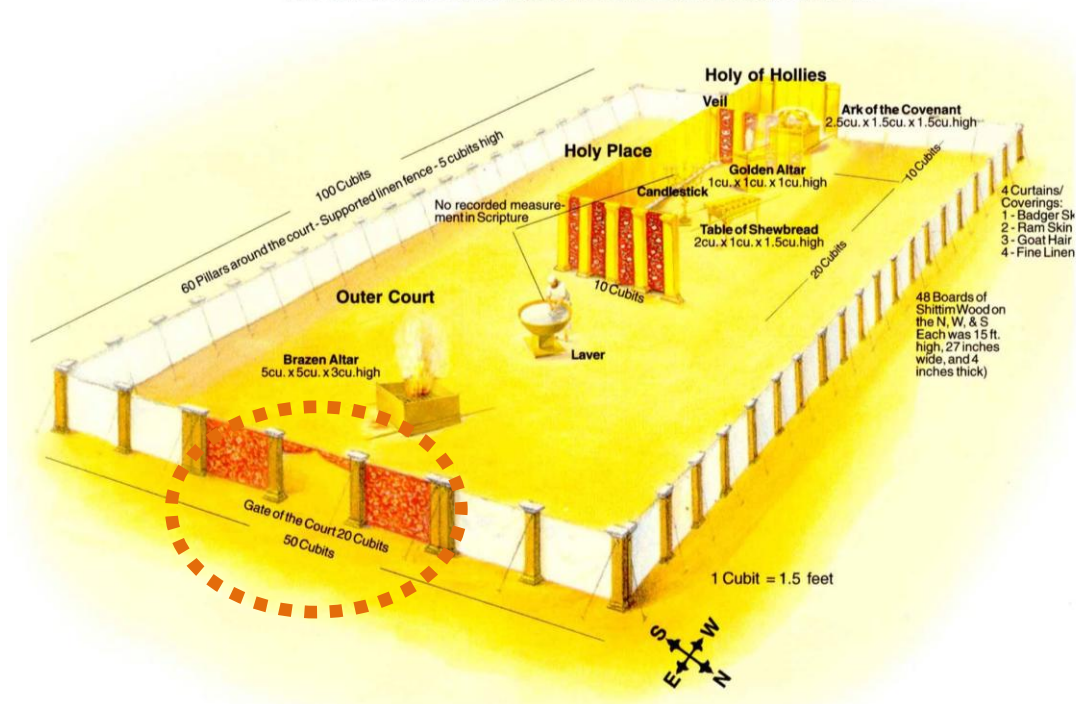
When the Master has risen up (v.25)...; this is an end-time event like Daniel 12:1: "At that time Michael shall stand up...". At that time, the Master—Jesus or God—will shut the door (v.25) and people will still try to enter in or "knock" (v.25)—and the Master rejects them (v.25), identified by their habitual sin ('iniquity', v.27). Once again, they cannot be saved after the shut door.



PART 5) Good Shepherd

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; (2) but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (4) When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. (5) A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." (7) So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door** of the sheep. (8) All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. (9) **I am the door**; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. (Jesus in John 10:1-5, 7-9)

The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle



Jesus says He is the “door”. Like the gate to a sheepfold or the door to the Sanctuary or sacrificial system, people must enter through the gate (**orange circle**).

Part 6) Philadelphia, the 6th Church of Revelation

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one shall shut, who shuts and no one opens. (8) 'I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. (Revelation 3:7-8)

The 6th church of Revelation, Philadelphia, is presented with an open door by Jesus. The text is in **red-letters** in many translations indicating the words of Jesus, and “He who is holy” and “He who is true” (v.7) refers to Jesus—it indicates Him—so the others as well: “key of David” and “shuts and opens”. Jesus is setting an open door (v.8) before the church, and no person (“no one”) can shut it. Does the church walk through?

Part 7) Jesus Himself

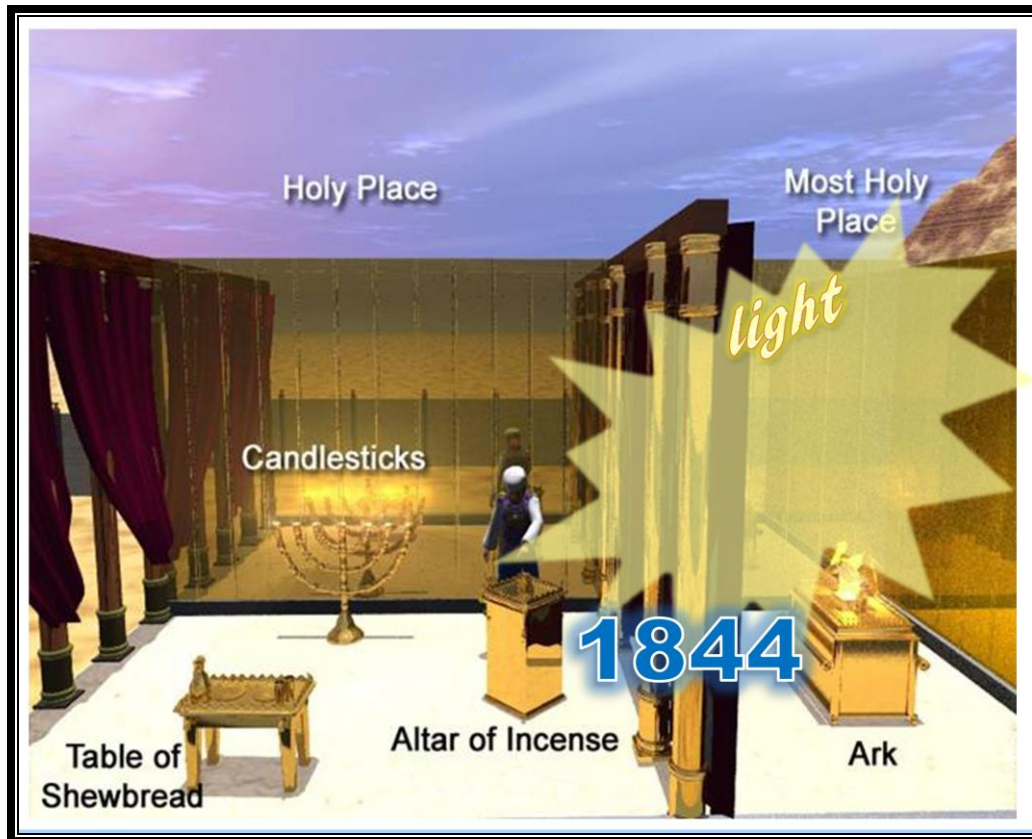
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)



Jesus himself can also be considered an “open door”—you must come through Him.

Section 2: 1844

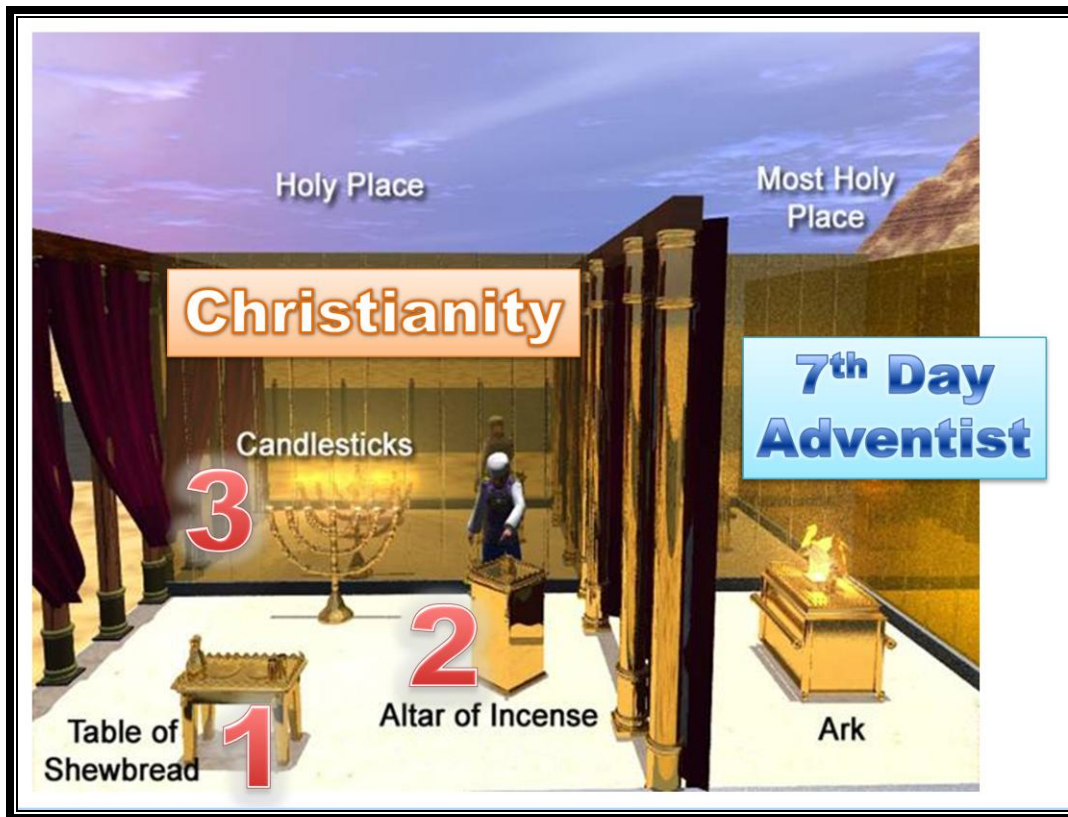
Sanctuary Points



a depiction of God revealing the light (the truth of the eternity of the 10 Commandments, which includes the Sabbath) since 1844

- from *Faith and Works* {FW} pg. 46.2, emphasis added:

Beneath the mercy seat, within the ark [of the sanctuary], were the two tables of stone, containing the law of Jehovah. God's faithful ones saw the light that shone forth to them from the law, to be given to the world. And now Satan's intense activity is to close that door of light; but Jesus says that no man can shut it.



Christianity (the denominations and Christian groups) in various ways:

1. use/study the Bible or parts of it (Table of Shewbread)
2. Pray (Altar of Incense)
3. Let their Light Shine / Witness / Do Good Works (Candlestick)

What they don't have is: **The 10 Commandments**, emanating from the Most Holy Place in the Sanctuary.



They keep Sunday.

Selected Ellen White writings:

- from *Early Writings* {EW} pgs. 251.2 – 253.1, emphasis added:

*I was shown what did take place in heaven at the close of the prophetic periods in 1844. As Jesus ended His ministrations in the holy place and closed the door of that apartment, a great darkness settled upon those who had heard and rejected the message of His coming, and they lost sight of Him. Jesus then clothed Himself with precious garments. ... I was then bidden to take notice of the two apartments of the heavenly sanctuary. ... The veil was lifted, and I looked into the second apartment. I saw there an ark which had the appearance of being of the finest gold. As a border around the top of the ark, was most beautiful work representing crowns. In the ark were tables of stone containing the ten commandments. ... I was also shown a sanctuary upon the earth containing two apartments. It resembled the one in heaven, and I was told that it was a figure of the heavenly. The furniture of the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary was like that in the first apartment of the heavenly. The veil was lifted, and I looked into the holy of holies and saw that the furniture was the same as in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. The priest ministered in both apartments of the earthly. He went daily into the first apartment, but entered the most holy only once a year, to cleanse it from the sins which had been conveyed there. I saw that Jesus ministered in both apartments of the heavenly sanctuary. The priests entered into the earthly with the blood of an animal as an offering for sin. Christ entered into the heavenly sanctuary by the offering of His own blood. The earthly priests were removed by death; therefore they could not continue long; but Jesus was a priest forever. ... As Jesus died on Calvary, He cried, "It is finished," and the veil of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom. This was to show that the services of the earthly sanctuary were forever finished, and that God would no more meet with the priests in their earthly temple, to accept their sacrifices. The blood of Jesus was then shed, which was to be offered by Himself in the heavenly sanctuary. As the priest entered the most holy once a year to cleanse the earthly sanctuary, **so Jesus entered the most holy of the heavenly, at the end of the 2300 days of Daniel 8, in 1844**, to make a final atonement for all who could be benefited by His mediation, and thus to cleanse the sanctuary. {EW 253.1}*

- from *Counsels to Writers and Editors* {CW} pg. 30.2:

The passing of the time in 1844 was a period of great events, opening to our astonished eyes the cleansing of the sanctuary transpiring in heaven, and having decided relation to God's people upon the earth, [also] the first and second angels' messages and the third, unfurling the banner on which was inscribed, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." One of the landmarks under this message was the temple of God, seen by His truth-loving people in heaven, and the ark containing the law of God. The light of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment flashed its strong rays in the pathway of the transgressors of God's law. The

nonimmortality of the wicked is an old landmark. I can call to mind nothing more that can come under the head of the old landmarks. All this cry about changing the old landmarks is all imaginary. {CW 30.2}

THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES (REVELATION 14:6-12)

1. 1st Angel

(6) Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

(7) and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of water."

2. 2nd Angel

(8) Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of her impure passion."

3. 3rd Angel

(9) And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If any one worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

(10) he also shall drink the wine of God's wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and he shall be tormented with fire and sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

(11) And the smoke of their torment goes up for ever and ever; and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

and Lastly:

(12) Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

- from *Early Writings* {EW} pg. 42.1-42.2:

I was shown that the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ relating to the shut door could not be separated, and that the time for the commandments of God to shine out

with all their importance, and for God's people to be tried on the Sabbath truth, was when the door was opened in the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary, where the ark is, in which are contained the ten commandments. This door was not opened until the mediation of Jesus was finished in the holy place of the sanctuary in 1844. Then Jesus rose up and shut the door of the holy place, and opened the door into the most holy, and passed within the second veil, where He now stands by the ark, and where the faith of Israel now reaches. I saw that Jesus had shut the door of the holy place, and no man can open it; and that He had opened the door into the most holy, and no man can shut it (Revelation 3:7,8); and that since Jesus has opened the door into the most holy place, which contains the ark, the commandments have been shining out to God's people, and they are being tested on the Sabbath question.

- from *Christ Triumphant* {CTr} pg. 367.5:

After the passing of the time [1844], God entrusted to His faithful followers the precious principles of present truth. . . . Those who passed through these experiences are to be as firm as a rock to the principles that have made us Seventh-day Adventists. . . . Those who took part in the establishment of our work upon a foundation of Bible truth, those who know the way marks that have pointed out the right path, are to be regarded as workers of the highest value. They can speak from personal experience regarding the truths entrusted to them. These workers are not to permit their faith to be changed to infidelity; they are not to permit the banner of the third angel to be taken from their hands. They are to hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. {CTr 367.5}

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