

AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT

INTRODUCTION

1. “An earthly story with a heavenly meaning” was the little boy’s definition of a parable.
2. Of all the parables our Lord taught, one of the most familiar is found in Matthew 25:1-14.

I. I AM NOT READY FOR THAT DOOR TO SHUT, IF...

- A. I Am Lost (Romans 3:9, 23; Acts 16:31-34; 2:37-38; 9:6-11).
 1. God is no respecter of persons – Acts 10:34-35.
 2. What God required of one He requires of all.
- B. I Have Not Remained Faithful (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 25:21).

II. WHEN THAT DOOR WILL HAVE BEEN SHUT, ALL THE INGENUITY OF MAN WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO OPEN IT

III. HOW AND WHY WILL THAT DOOR BE SHUT?

- A. When Jesus comes again.
- B. If I am ever rendered physically or mentally incapable of obeying the Gospel.
- C. Whenever I die (Hebrews 9:27).
- D. If my heart becomes seared (Ephesians 4:18; Romans 1; 1 Timothy 4:2).

CONCLUSION

1. I am not ready for the shutting of that door if:
 - a. I am lost – “That’s me.”
 - b. I have not been faithful – “That’s me.”
2. Do not harden your heart by letting this opportunity to obey God pass you by (2 Corinthians 6:1).
3. Appeal.