



1 John 3 – Let us Love One Another (Part 4)

The extraordinary love of God towards mankind.

True Meaning of “Behold, I stand at the door and knock”

Everyone who sincerely believes in the Lord hopes to welcome the Lord’s return. The Lord Jesus prophesied, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me” (Rev 3:20). This verse tells us when the Lord Jesus returns, He will stand at the door and knock. We have only to listen for *the Lord’s voice* and open the door.

Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).

Remember that the Lord Jesus also warned people two thousand years ago: “And then if any man shall say to you, See, here is Christ; or, see, He is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even to the elect. But take you heed: behold, I have foretold you all things” (Mark 13: 21-23).

From this verse, we can see that in the last days, some people will say that the Lord has returned. We mustn’t believe such people when we meet them. Our Lord Jesus has explained it clearly that His intention is to let us guard against false Christs whose main traits are showing signs and performing miracles. But now there are lots of brothers and sisters who don’t listen to anyone who preaches the *second coming* of the Lord, for fear of being deceived. Isn’t this like ... not eating for fear of choking?

Have you ever heard of the story of the wolf and the rabbits? Once there lived a mother rabbit and her little rabbits and a big wolf in a forest. In order to protect her children from being harmed by the wolf, each time the mother rabbit went out, she would warn her babies to close the door firmly and not to open it until she came back. The baby rabbits were very obedient and smart. Afterward, the wolf knocked at the door *imitating* the singing of the mother rabbit. The baby rabbits saw through this trick and did not open the door. In the end, when their mother came back and knocked at the door, they recognized her by listening to her voice and opened the door happily.

It was because warned by their mother before she left home, that the little rabbits were cautious and knew how discern whether the one who knocked at the door was their mother or not. Thus, they were safe and sound until their mother came back. If the baby rabbits hadn’t listened to their mother’s warning and blindly opened the door for the wolf, the consequences would have been unimaginable. And conversely, if they did not open the door for anyone at all .. even their mother, they would have shut their mother outside when she really did come back.

In Biblical times, believers recognized the Lord Jesus as the Messiah, through listening to His words. **John 1:47-49** says tells the story of how Nathanael, upon hearing the words of Jesus (“Behold, an Israelite indeed ...”) and the conversation that followed, did hear and believed.

On the contrary, some other Jewish people who also knew that the Messiah would come, believed the lies of the chief priests and Pharisees. They blindly refused to search out for themselves and listen to the words of Jesus, for fear of being deceived. Ultimately, they lost the *salvation* of the Lord.

From God’s words, we can see that when the Lord comes again, **BEHOLD**, He will stand at the door and knock. It is very important for us to be able to hear God’s voice, for it is directly related to whether we can attain God’s salvation. We should be the ones who listen for God’s voice humbly. Revelation says: “He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Rev 2:7).

<https://www.testifygod.org/l-stand-at-the-door-and-knock.html>

There are many other places in the Bible where the word (BEHOLD) appears:

Luke 10: 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Ps 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Gen 1:29 And God said, “**Behold**, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit.

Gen 28:15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Matt 1:23 Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and, **Behold**, it was very good.

John 1:29 “**Behold**, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 19:27 Jesus on the cross to Mary and John ...”**Behold**, your son ... **Behold** your mother”

Matth 28:20 And **Behold**, I am with you all the days, until the completion of the age

Mark 4:3-20 (“Listen! **Behold**, a sower went out to sow)

We will conclude our study on the word BEHOLD and move on in the chapter next week.

Here is a song that I think you will like. (click on the video that looks like this – see below)

(SONG) Behold What Manner Of Love - MARANATHA SINGERS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T71yhr_kAEA



PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, I thank You that You desire to speak to me every day—guiding me in spirit and in truth to obey Your Word and enjoy an abundant life. Lord, Your Word says that when we draw near to You, You will draw near to us. So, I draw near to You today. I want to know You more, hear You more and obey You more. I seek Your face, Your truth and Your word for my life.

Your Word says Your sheep know Your voice and we will not follow the voice of a stranger. Help me to know Your voice and not be deceived by any other voice. Help me to guard my heart from the people and influences of this world. As I seek to hear You today for instruction, correction and guidance, help me to confirm Your voice through Your Word. Help me to feel confident in knowing that I hear Your voice. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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