



INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Dr. Peter D. Wyns

Entry 7 - I

A - Ω

The Doorkeeper Church

Recently, I was with someone who said that ushering is not in the Bible, but Psalm 84:10 says, ***“I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.”*** A doorkeeper is an usher. He opens doors and welcomes people in. Every disciple is called to be an usher. Doorkeepers usher people into God’s presence and open the doors for the purposes of God to flow into people’s lives. Some doors cannot be opened without the help of an usher. In this way, every pastor, worship leader, intercessor and believer is called to be an usher. I would like to pastor a church where, if I asked, “Who in this church is an usher?” the whole congregation would stand up and say, ***“We are all ushers here!”*** That would be, what I call, a dynamic doorkeeper church.

Every person who has come to Christ has needed an usher to help them. Someone at sometime, prayed for them, counseled them, had faith for them, preached to them, prophesied over them or called them forth to live their lives for God. Someone was their doorkeeper. The usher came into agreement with heaven and partnered with God to lead someone to salvation.

Many unlikely people have travelled through the doors of destiny to fulfill their calling in the purposes of God and they have only reached the target because someone ushered them. I am reminded of Ruth who was destined to be the great grandmother of King David and a mother in the lineage of Christ. Who would have thought that a Moabite woman from an anti-Israeli background would be chosen for such greatness? The truth is that some of the people that God will bring to us come from a dark place, yet God has designed that they will reach higher and further in His plans and purposes than we will. Are you ready to be a Holy Spirit doorkeeper? Will you stand up and do the work of an usher to lead even the most unlikely person into the purposes of God?

The scripture says that Ruth was a noble woman but she was trapped in a nation of witchcraft and paganism and her people were enemies of Israel. How could Ruth know and how could she find the passage or doorway to her high calling? The Lord used many doorkeepers to bring Ruth to her God-ordained future; just read the story of Ruth in the Bible.

Naomi was one of Ruth’s chosen doorkeepers, but while Naomi was opening the doors of grace for Ruth, she was personally consumed in a battle for the survival of her own family. Naomi was a woman who had been emptied of every good thing that she lived for. She was beat-up and worn out and she became a bitter woman, yet she walked with God. Even in her condition, God used her as a doorkeeper to help Ruth.

Look at Naomi’s life; she was taken from her friends and family, brought into a land of witchcraft and paganism. Then her husband died and her sons married girls from that dark nation. She must have fought so many heart-wrenching battles. Then after ten years, both of her sons died. She blamed God and when it was time for her to return to Bethlehem, she was a broken and bitter woman. Maybe you know someone who has experienced so much pain like

Naomi. God can turn their situation around and it begins when they become doorkeepers for others.

When it came time for Naomi to return to Israel, her daughters, Ruth and Orpah went with her. Then, against her heart's wishes, she sent them back to their families in Moab. The daughters wept because they loved Naomi and did not want to leave her. They had seen Naomi fight unbearable battles and they knew that somehow her faith in God was still very much alive. Orpah struggled, but chose to leave Naomi but Ruth insisted on staying with her.

She said:

“Where you go, I will go, where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, Your God my God! Where you die, I will die and there I will be buried.” Ruth 1:16-17

When the women of Bethlehem met Naomi, she said, “Do not call me Naomi, (which means pleasant), call me Mara, (which means bitter) because the Lord has dealt bitterly with me. For I went out full and have returned empty”

Even while Naomi was failing to find the fullness of God's victory in her life, she was still an amazing usher and doorkeeper for Ruth.

1. Naomi opened the door for Ruth to find salvation in God.

2. Naomi opened the way for Ruth to be part of God's Jewish family.
3. Naomi ushered Ruth to the place where she would find her Kinsman Redeemer. (Boaz is a type of Christ who is our Redeemer.)
4. Naomi opened the door for Ruth to find a blessed future. She helped her find her destiny in God.

Boaz was also used by God as an usher and doorkeeper for Ruth. He ushered her into the very plans of God.

Boaz began caring for Ruth when he saw her at a distance, in his field. I wonder if he prayed for her?

He opened the door for her protection.

He opened the door for immediate financial blessings and ultimate wealth.

He opened the door for her redemption by marrying her and by restoring her to a place of honor and dignity.

He opened the spiritual door that brought her to the plans and purposes of God. She entered the line of the kings, became the great grandmother to King David and a participant in the human lineage of Christ.

Boaz opened the door and ushered her into God's blessings and because of that she became one of the most important women in history. Only one other woman has a complete book of the Bible named after her.

Who are you ushering into God's presence and purpose? Take note, as doorkeepers serve, they also receive blessings. Naomi and Boaz were rewarded beyond measure as they ushered Ruth toward her destiny.

Naomi was rescued from a life of bitterness and poverty. Because she was a doorkeeper for Ruth, her life turned around and she became an honored mother in Israel. She found the dignity and grace that she had lost during the difficult years.

Boaz was also exalted; he became the Biblical type of the Kinsman Redeemer. As he blessed Ruth, he was blessed to be the great grandfather of King David and to enter the human lineage of Christ. In his old age, he was blessed with the devoted love of this young woman. He also gained a level of honor, wealth and happiness that cannot be found in a dozen business endeavors or in great sums of money. You will be blessed if you become an usher.

Parents and grandparents, you are the main ushers and doorkeepers for your children and grandchildren. Like with Naomi, the way you live through the tests of life is important.

All of you who read these words are called to be doorkeepers in the house of the Lord. You have been chosen to usher others into God's presence. Who does the Lord want you to serve? Will you help open the doors of heaven for them? **AΩ**



Christians for Messiah Ministries

Instructions in Righteousness is produced monthly by "Christians for Messiah Ministries (CFM)." Dr. Peter D. Wyns is the President of CFM. After 40 years of extensive ministry in more than 35 nations, he is now based in the USA. This ministry continues because of your prayers and financial support. Your partnership is greatly appreciated. For information of Dr. Wyns availability to minister at your church, contact "Christians for Messiah Ministries."

Christians for Messiah Ministries PO Box 36324, Rock Hill, South Carolina, 29732

Office: 803-324-0739 or 704-608-7793 e-mail: reachus@peterwyns.com www.peterwyns.org

MAKE DONATION CHECKS PAYABLE TO CFM FOR TAX RECEIPTS