

## Unlock the Door

### Thesis:

The Key to Being in God's Presence is to Be Holy.  
Only Then Can We Truly Worship God.

### Introduction:

**(Psalm 16:11)**

You reveal the path of life to me; in Your presence is abundant joy; in Your right hand are eternal pleasures.

**Example:** Surgeon Prepares for Surgery

### **I. Be Holy to Worship God Who is Holy**

Children of God  
Created by His Hands  
Holy in Him

**(James 4: 7-8)**

7 Therefore, submit to God. But resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded people!

Submit To and Draw Near to God

**(Psalm 24: 3 – 4)**

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not set his mind on what is false, and who has not sworn deceitfully.

Who May Stand In His Holy Place?

### **II. UnHoly Offerings Don't Stand in God's Presence!** **(Numbers 16: 1 – 11)**

1 Now Korah son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took

2 250 prominent Israelite men who were leaders of the community and representatives in the assembly, and they rebelled against Moses.

3 They came together against Moses and Aaron and told them, "You have gone too far! Everyone in the entire community is holy, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the Lord's assembly?"

4 When Moses heard this, he fell facedown.

5 Then he said to Korah and all his followers, "Tomorrow morning the Lord will reveal who belongs to Him, who is set apart, and the one He will let come near Him. He will let the one He chooses come near Him.

6 Korah, you and all your followers are to do this: take firepans, and tomorrow

7 place fire in them and put incense on them before the Lord. Then the man the Lord chooses will be the one who is set apart. It is you Levites who have gone too far!"

8 Moses also told Korah, "Now listen, Levites!

9 Isn't it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the Israelite community to bring you near to Himself, to perform the work at the Lord's tabernacle, and to stand before the community to minister to them?

10 He has brought you near, and all your fellow Levites who are with you, but you are seeking the priesthood as well.

11 Therefore, it is you and all your followers who have conspired against the Lord! As for Aaron, who is he that you should complain about him?"

*(Verses 25 – 35 on the next page)*

### **(Numbers 16: 25 – 35)**

25 Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 He warned the community, “Get away now from the tents of these wicked men.

Don’t touch anything that belongs to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins.”

27 So they got away from the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Meanwhile, Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the entrance of their tents with their wives, children, and infants.

28 Then Moses said, “This is how you will know that the Lord sent me to do all these things and that it was not of my own will:

29 If these men die naturally as all people would, and suffer the fate of all, then the Lord has not sent me.

30 But if the Lord brings about something unprecedented, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them along with all that belongs to them so that they go down alive into Sheol, then you will know that these men have despised the Lord.”

31 Just as he finished speaking all these words, the ground beneath them split open.

32 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, all Korah’s people, and all their possessions.

33 They went down alive into Sheol with all that belonged to them. The earth closed over them, and they vanished from the assembly.

34 At their cries, all the people of Israel who were around them fled because they thought, “The earth may swallow us too!”

35 Fire also came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men who were presenting the incense.

**Consequences of UnHoliness!**

**Fire, Incense - Offering**

### **III. Only Through Holiness Can We Enter That Holy Place! (Ephesians 1:4)**

For He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love

**Holy & Blameless in His Sight**

### **(Acts 2: 25)**

For David says of Him: I saw the Lord ever before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**He is at My Right Hand**

### **(Romans 4:20)**

He did not waver in unbelief at God’s promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

**Did Not Waver in UnBelief**

### **(Hebrews 12: 7 – 10)**

7 Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline?

8 But if you are without discipline—which all receive—then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we had natural fathers discipline us, and we respected them. Shouldn’t we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but He does it for our benefit, so that we can share His holiness.

**Discipline Brings Holiness**

### **Conclusion:**

### **(I Chronicles 16:29)**

Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of His name; bring an offering and come before Him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness;