

“The Last Letter: Home Alone 19”

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“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock”
–Revelation 3:20

» Invitation #1–Jesus’ _____ invitation.

- Ralph Carmichael: “The Savior is waiting to enter your heart—why don’t you let Him come in? There’s nothing in this world to keep you apart—what is your answer to Him?”
- Proverbs 23:26—“My child, give Me your _____ .”
- John 14:23—“Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our _____ with them.”
- John 14:17—“The Spirit of Truth _____ with you and will be in you.”
- Ellen White: “That heart is the happiest that has Christ as an abiding _____ Let us acknowledge Him as our Friend and Saviour.” (*My Life Today* 157)

» Invitation #2–Jesus’ _____ invitation.

- Mark 13:26, 29 NASB: “Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. . . . Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the _____ .”
- Revelation 22:12, 20: “Look! I am coming _____ ! . . . He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming _____ ‘”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3): “For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety,’ destruction will come on them _____ , as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not [GK: no not] escape.”
- Ellen White: “At this time the Laodicean message is to be given, to arouse a slumbering church. Let the thought of the _____ of time stimulate you to earnest, untiring effort. Remember that Satan has come down with great power, to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.” (*Selected Messages* 1:196)

» Invitation #3–Jesus’ _____ invitation.

- Jesus isn’t even _____ the church—He’s standing on the _____ !
- Ellen White: “The Holy Spirit waits to soften and subdue hearts; but they are not willing to open

the door and let the Saviour in, for fear that He will require something of them. And so Jesus of Nazareth passes by. He longs to bestow on them the rich blessings of His grace, but they refuse to accept them. What a terrible thing it is to exclude Christ from His own temple! What a _____ to the church!" (*Testimonies to the Church* 6:262)

• Song of Solomon: "[She speaks] I slept but my heart was awake. Listen! My lover is knocking: '[He speaks] Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my flawless one. My head is drenched with dew, my hair with the dampness of the night.' [She] I have taken off my robe—must I put it on again? I have washed my feet—must I soil them again? My lover thrust his hand through the latch-opening; my heart began to pound for him. I arose to open for my lover . . ." (Song of Solomon 5:2-5).

• Sigve Tonstad: "... to this thoroughly unlikeable community, Jesus propositions a privilege so amazing that I don't dare repeat it (3:20-21)."

"Come in, Jesus!"

(gospel, heart, home, dwells, guest, endtime, door, soon, soon, suddenly, shortness, in, outside, loss)