

“And while they went to buy the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage, ‘AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT.’” Reader, on which side of that door will *you* be when that solemn moment arrives? Will you be *inside* to share the wondrous joys of that blood-washed throng? or will you be *outside*, to join the cry, “Lord, Lord, open to us,” only to hear the crushing answer, “*I know you not*”?

Oh, what a moment will that be when the Lord comes and takes away His own which are in the world! What a separation will take place then! All the saints will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the “sound of the last trumpet,” and caught up to meet the Lord in the air: while the despisers of the gospel will be left behind, to fall under the awful delusion of Satan, and be carried away in that terrible apostasy in which “the man of sin” will be deified and worshipped in the very temple of God, “that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thess. ii. 12.) Too suddenly and swiftly, it may be, for human eyes to see, yet with divine certainty the separation will take place. Every believer will be taken away: every rejecter of Christ will be left behind. Education, rank, wealth, social position, will have nothing to do in deciding who shall be caught up and who shall be left behind. All turns on whether men have believed the witness of God, and received the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ,