

## Working in Covenant with Jesus

### Life! **within** this **Spiritual** Threshold

The following is dictionary.com's definition of a threshold.

Spiritual connotations are *in italics*.

#### A Threshold is:

1. the sill of a doorway - *Jesus says: "I-Am the Door"*.
2. the entrance to a house or building - *Christ's believers are "God's house"*.
3. any place or point of entering or beginning, e.g. the threshold of a new career - *Jesus is our "entry point" for everything! and He **is** the Beginning*.
4. "threshold" is also called **limen**. In Psychology and Physiology, this means: the point at which a stimulus is of sufficient intensity to begin to produce an effect, e.g. the threshold of consciousness - *Holy Spirit witnesses with our spirits, **with our consciousnesses** ~cf. Romans 8:16-17.*

"For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child!" And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself", ~Romans 8:16-17, The Passion Translation (TPT).

**With this Quote** from a Facebook post by Anne Hamilton, **emphasis added**:

"The most important component, spiritually speaking, of a threshold is the **cornerstone**. In the natural (*in Hebrew culture and society of the first century*), it was **the very first building block to be laid down** and it was placed where the door would be positioned, in the corner of the house.

"The cornerstone had a **shallow basin** carved into it so it could catch **the blood of the Passover lamb** dripping down from the lintels and doorposts (or, for that matter, any calf or goat or lamb that would provide the meat for a feast with **an honoured guest**).

"The blood was a "welcome" sign as well as **an invitation to a covenant with the host**. **This covenant was a threshold or cornerstone covenant** and **all that was required to accept it was to pass over the stone and not touch it, as the guest entered by invitation**.

“This threshold covenant was one of **mutual protection** - one of self-giving, sacrificial love, one in which **each person, host and guest, were expected to defend each other to the death.**

“The foundation of a house back in the first century was not the first thing laid down. It was the cornerstone. Jesus is the Cornerstone and Door!”,  
~thank you Anne!

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”, ~Matthew 21:42, English Standard Version (ESV).

Jesus is “standing at our doorstep”! because He is **the cornerstone** of the spiritual threshold we’re placed upon in Him. He stands **at the sill of the doorway into God’s kingdom.** Jesus says:

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”, ~John 10:9-10, ESV.

## Role Play

Place something representing the Cornerstone, preferably marked as blood just beyond and to the side, at the doorway’s door post of a real or pretend doorway.

Represent or describe the place where the slaughtered lamb’s dressed carcass was hanging over the cornerstone and **place the cornerstone there!**

**Have someone** stand outside the door and **prepare them to read Revelation 3:20-22, and then repeat v20 when the person inside says “Who’s there?”..**

**Select another person** to invite Jesus into their home and stand this person “inside” the doorway.

Instruct “Jesus” to knock. The person inside responds: “Who’s there?”

Jesus answers by speaking out the words of Revelation 3:20-22 and then v20.

The threshold and cornerstone covenant is established when **the person inside invites Jesus into their house**, because **He has walked over His own blood.**

**This is “the Rock” to Whom we return, in Whom we rest, and within Whom we trust for our work in His kindgom:**

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,  
“In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength”, ~Isaiah 30:15, ESV.

How will we trust in The Almighty, unless we see Him as He is? - having established Himeself as our “invited guest”, as our Blood Sacrifice, as our Life’s Substitute and as the King of this kingdom He’s ushered us into by His blood.

This cornerstone covenant is the building of a house!

“Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. **And we are his house**, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope”, ~Hebrews 3:5-6, ESV.

For our heavenly Father is the One who has translated us out of the kingdom of darkness, and **into the Kingship** of the Son He loves:

“...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **He has delivered us** from the domain of darkness and translated us **into the kingdom** of his beloved Son, **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins**”, ~Colossians 1:12-14, ESV.

Having received Jesus as our most honoured guest, we’ve become redeemed by His blood-sacrifice and Life’s-source. “He who dwells in **this secret place** of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty”, ~Pslam 91:1.

The Almighty! has established this blood covenant that we can always return to, abide in, rest in and “stake our trust” in Him due to its establishment. Otherwise, how could we sincerely believe that **we can work with The Almighty God?**