

Closing the Door on Satan - Lesson 7
Through Obedience
Hebrews 5:9
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Thesis: I want to show how through obedience, we can keep Satan out of our lives.

Intro: 1. Obedience is another aspect that will close the door on Satan.

- I. Close the door through Obedience in the midst of trials (Matthew 4:1-11)
 - A. Temptation to fulfill our other needs in a sinful way (**Mt 4:1-4**)
 1. We cannot follow evil or commit sins simply because it will fulfill our immediate needs.
 - B. Temptation to test God's care for us (**Mt 4:5-7**)
 1. Some have been tempted to test God and His power.
 2. Though God has the ability to do incredible things; it doesn't give us the right to put Him to the test (**Deut 6:16**).
 - C. The temptation to seek earthly possessions over God (**Mt 4:8-10**).
 1. No physical kingdom is worth giving up our souls.
- II. Close the door through Obedience of presenting the truth.
 - A. Obedience includes bringing forth the whole gospel and not select parts (**Acts 20:27**).
 1. Sometimes people become offended when the truth is presented.
 2. Does this mean we skip that portion of God's Word?
 - B. Obedience includes presenting only God's Word (**2 Tim 4:1-2**).
 1. When teaching, preaching or studying with others only God's Word should be presented.
- III. Close the door through Obedience by entering the church.
 1. What did they do to enter the church? (**Acts 2:37-38**)
 2. When were they added to the church? (**Acts 2:39-42**)
 3. Who added them to the church? (**Acts 2:46-47**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. What about you? Have you done what you can and should to close that door on Satan (**Gen 4:7**)
2. We have limited time on this earth so we must use that time to follow God and close the door on Satan.
3. Full Invitation