

#21 Shut Door

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James White on the Shut Door  
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1. Reporting the conference at Volney, N. Y. Aug. 1848

"There were 30 or 40 who met with us. Bro. Bates preached the Sabbath to them with strong argument, much boldness and power. My principal message was on Matt 25: 1-11. The brethren are strong on the Sabbath and Shut Door. Most all confessed that they gained much strength from the meeting."--Record Book I, p. 18. Aug. 26, 1848

"My Bro. and Sister, here is the standard to rally around. Jesus has left his meditorial throne. He is now claiming his new kingdom. Do you believe it. I hope you do. Well this the present "faith of Jesus." So the Shut Door and Sabbath is the present truth; These truths will form and keep up the same mark of distinction between us and unbelievers as God made in 1844." ex Id.



2. An invitation to the Hastings to attend the Topsham Conference. Oct. 2, 1848

"Our Conferense is to commence Oct. 20 and hold over the — Sabbath and Sunday. . . . The principal points on which we dwell as present truth are the 7th day Sabbth and Shut Door. In this we wish to honor God's most holy institution; & also acknowledge the work of God in our Second Advent experience.

"We do not wish to shut out any new truth, or countenance any of the errors of this dark age. Our object is to do good. We wish to hold up truth and expose error." Record Book I p. 24

3. A letter to Bro. And Sr. Hastings. Jan. 3, 1850

"To publish is an uphill work unless there are many prayers ascending, and an interest to sustain a paper. I have commenced a review of J. Marsh against the Sabbath in the Harbinger of Dec. 29, 1849, but I think I shall hang all up for the present. Ellen saw that Bro. Arnold and I must put our lights together on the testimony of Jesus or shut door. This we have done and maybe all is done. Therefore I think I shall wait until I get new light." --Record Book I, p. 50