

To the Church in Philadelphia: Hold On
Revelation 3:7-13

⁷ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸ "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹² The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

DISCUSS

1. Christ's Authority (Revelation 3:7):

Jesus is described as holy, true, and holding the key of David.

- a. What does it mean to you that He has the ultimate authority to open and close doors in your life?

- b. How can this understanding help you when faced with uncertainties or closed doors?

2. **Faithfulness in Weakness (Revelation 3:8):**

The church in Philadelphia had “little strength” but remained faithful to Jesus’ Word and name.

- a. How can we remain faithful to God when we feel weak or inadequate?

- b. What are some practical ways to hold on to God’s Word in challenging times?

3. **Facing Opposition (Revelation 3:9):**

Jesus promised that the enemies of the Philadelphian believers would one day acknowledge that they are loved by Him.

- a. Have you ever experienced opposition for your faith?

- b. How does the promise of God’s vindication encourage you to remain steadfast?

4. **Endurance Through Trials (Revelation 3:10):**

Jesus promised to keep the believers from the “hour of trial.”

- a. How do you understand this promise of protection?

- b. In what ways have you seen God's protection or strength during difficult times in your life?

5. **Persevering for the Crown (Revelation 3:11-12):**

Jesus encourages the church to "hold on" so that no one takes their crown.

- a. What are the challenges that tempt you to let go of your faith?

- b. How can the hope of Christ's return and the promise of eternal rewards motivate you to persevere in your walk with Him?