

Just Hang On

Revelation 3:7-10

God commended the church at Philadelphia for working hard, keeping God's name, his word, and not denying him before men. God placed an open door before them and they stepped out on faith and walked through it.

To the followers of Satan who claim to be Jews, God said he would make them fall at their feet. They will do so because they recognize who the church is and how much God loves the church. He will make all flesh come to repentance. This is from God who is holy and true - separate, set apart and morally pure.

In the last days many will be deceived by one who professes to be the Messiah and is not. We are living in a time when we have complete access to God. He walks with us, talks with us, and we have his written word.

God has given us the key of David - authority. God says he opens doors no man can shut, but the Jews wanted to shut the door to new believers. Jesus opened the door to the Gentiles and they walked right in, but the Jews are still waiting for the Messiah to this very day. Not only did he open it to the Gentiles, but he opened it so that the gospel can be taken to the ends of the earth.

Philadelphia had some strength left although they were a small congregation. God looked at the heart of the church and saw their faithfulness. God looks at our heart and sees who and what we are and he can use us if we yield to him.

We may face difficult situations and have tough choices to make, but hold on because God will never leave or forsake you. He is a very present help in the time of trouble.