

me? Am I making the most of them? Do I keep God's Word consistently? How can I do better in this? Am I looking forward to Jesus' return? What am I doing to be ready for it?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*Unless our faith saves us out of selfishness into service, it will certainly never save us out of hell into heaven.*

Mark Guy Pearce

*Any success and power that a church has is a result of Christ's presence in the church. If a church is holy, that is because He is holy and the source of all holiness. If a church holds to the truth, it does so because He is that truth. If a church has an open door to service and missions, that is because He opened the door — and He is that door.*

John MacArthur

*The church of Philadelphia is commended for keeping the Word of the Lord and not denying His name. Success in Christian work is not to be measured by any other standard of achievement.*

Donald Grey Barnhouse

*The church urgently needs Christians of apostolic zeal who will count all things loss for Christ, and hazard life, comfort, career, and reputation for Him.*

John Stott

*A little strength faithfully used means more than much strength fleshily and fitfully used.*

Vance Havner

*The door of opportunity swings on the hinges of opposition.*

Bob Jones, Sr.

*Hard times generally make for strong churches, especially when the hard times come because the church refuses to compromise the gospel.*

Ray Pritchard



Revelation 3:7-6

*Sermon*  
Notes

October 31, 2021

1. The City (7)
2. The Church (7)
3. The Correspondent (7)
  - A. Holy
  - B. True
  - C. Has the Key
4. The Commendation (8-10)
  - A. A Little Power
  - B. Kept His Word
  - C. Not Denied His Name
5. The Counsel (11)
6. The Challenge (12-13)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. How does Jesus describe Himself in *Revelation 3:7*? How would the church in Philadelphia have heard this?

3. Why does Jesus have the right to call Christians to a life of holiness (*1 Peter 1:15*)?

4. What does it mean that Jesus *has the key of David* (*Revelation 3:7; Isaiah 22:22*)?

5. What does *Revelation 3:7* refer to when it talks about Jesus *who opens and now will shut, and who shuts and no one opens*?

6. What *door had Jesus opened* for the church in Philadelphia (*Revelation 3:8*)?

7. Describe the references to *doors* made in the following verses.

*Acts 14:27* —

*2 Corinthians 2:12* —

*1 Corinthians 16:8-9* —

*Colossians 4:2-4* —

How can we determine whether an opportunity is a door being opened by God?

8. What does Jesus commend this church for (*Revelation 3:8*)? What does each of these mean?

9. Read *Revelation 3:9*. What does this mean?

What was Jesus going to do to those who claimed to be Jews but were actually working for Satan?

10. What is the *hour of testing* referred to in *Revelation 3:10*?

What does it mean to be kept from this hour?

11. What can help a church persevere through persecution? Why?

12. What do these passages seem to be teaching about the *hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth* (*Revelation 3:10*)?

*John 14:1-4* —

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-17* —

*1 Corinthians 15:51-54* —

13. What *crown* is referred to in *Revelation 3:11*?

14. What promises does Jesus make to those who overcome (*Revelation 3:12*)?

What do each of these mean?

**Reflection Questions:** Am I striving to be as holy as Jesus? Where can I make improvement? What doors of opportunity has Jesus opened for