

Dear Philadelphia... You're Weak but Mighty, Denied but Accepted

Revelation 3:7-13

Jesus' words of commendation, caution, and consequences

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- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

The City of Philadelphia



The City of Philadelphia (now Alasehir)



I. The Commendation (v. 8)

You have but little power, yet...

- A. You have kept my word.
- B. You have not denied my name.

II. The Caution (v. 11b)

A. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

III. The Consequences (v. 9-12)

- A. Positive Consequences
 - 1. An open door is set before you
 - 2. Grant you authority, favor, and ultimate vindication
 - 3. They will be kept from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world.
 - 4. Make you a pillar in the temple of God
 - 5. I will write on you the name of God, the city of God, the new Jerusalem, and my own new name.