

# Seven Churches

## *Philadelphia*

### **When I am Under Attack, Remember:**

God is the irreversible God.

*Rev. 3:7* "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of Him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open."

No circumstance, attack or pressure is greater than the power of God.

*Rev. 3: 8* "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."

### **Why are doors closed?**

1. My disobedience to His plan.
2. For my protection.
3. His timing.

Not only does God know what is best, He knows when is best!

God not only knows my deeds, He knows my condition.

*Rev. 3:8* "I know your deeds...I know that you have little strength..."

If I quit, I miss the reward.

*Rev. 3:8* "I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."

**Principle:** The blessing comes after the persevering.

*Jam. 1:12* "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

*Rev. 3:9* "I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars -I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth."

Central message of the book of Revelation: Jesus is coming soon.

*Rev. 3:11 "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. <sup>12</sup>Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name."*