

REVELATION

A Message to God's Church

Week 8: Revelation 3:7 – 13

OPENING QUESTIONS

Read through Revelation 3:7 – 13 aloud together as a group. In your initial reading, what pops out at you? Discuss. Why is this significant to you?

JESUS' CHARACTER

"The deepest thought a person can ever have is his conception of God's character." –
Dan DeHaan, The God You Can Know

Jesus is described as holy and true. How would you define these attributes and why are they often paired together?

Which of His attributes in Revelation 3:7 most encourages your heart today and why?

How did Isaiah respond to God's holiness in Isaiah 6:1-8?

How do you view God's character? What difference does it make in your life?

Meditate on 1 Peter 1:15-16: "...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

How are you doing in the area of "personal holiness"? How do you respond to God's holiness?

PATIENT ENDURANCE

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. - Revelation 3:10

The believers at Philadelphia were marked by obedience; they kept Christ's word. Like Job, they could say, "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12). Like Martin Luther, on trial before the Imperial Diet, they could say, "My conscience is captive to the Word of God." They did not deviate from the pattern of obedience, thus proving the genuineness of their love for Christ. Christ further commended the Philadelphia congregation for having not denied His name, despite the pressures they faced to do so.

What are some circumstances in your life today in which you must persevere? How does this passage encourage you to press on?

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BEING HIS PILLARS

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. – Revelation 3:12

According to Galatians 2:9, who had the reputation of being “pillars”? Warren Wiersbe says that “His pillars are faithful people who bear His name for His glory.” In what ways are you bearing His name for His glory?

CLOSING QUESTION

So, what are we, as individuals and as a Missional Community, going to do with this section of Scripture? What is God calling us to be? What is God calling us to do?