

It's Coming ...

Revealing Revelation

with Dan Johnson

LESSON FIVE

Sardis

- **Reputation of being alive but actually dead**
 - *"...this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men," (Isa. 29:13)*
- **Works are incomplete - Self-serving?**
 - *"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 6:1)*
 - *"They do all their deeds to be seen by others." (Matt. 23:5)*

Wake Up!

- *"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them." (Luke 12:35-37)*

Philadelphia

He is:

- **Holy**
- **True**
- **He has the Key of David**
 - *"And I will place on his shoulders the key of the house of David. He shall open, and non shall be shut; and he shall shut, and non shall be open." (Isa. 22:22)*

Open Door

- *“At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison-”* (Col. 4:3)
- *“But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”* (1 Cor. 16:8-9)

Laodicea

- *“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”* (Rev 3:15-16)

Buy from Him

- **Gold**
- **White Garments**
- **Eye Salve**
- He knocks at the door of our life through trials and pressures that we experience. He is seeking to help. If we will open the door to Him, we can dine with Him in fellowship, no matter how difficult our circumstances may be.

Message to the Churches

- **Ephesus** – never lose your preeminent love for Jesus.
- **Smyrna** – never lose sight of Jesus in your trials.
- **Pergamum** – never depart from the Word of God.
- **Thyatira** – never conform to the world’s ways.
- **Sardis** – never serve for self-exaltation.
- **Philadelphia** – never back away from the opportunities He gives.
- **Laodicea** – never forget how desperately we need Him.