

Guide & Record of your thoughts

1/17/2010 Week 8 - Revelation 3:7-13

Following the Message:

1. (3:7) Holy means separate and He is utterly separate from sin, utterly unlike us. He CANNOT/ WILL NOT tolerate sin in His presence.
2. (3:7) Whenever you see the word “key” in scripture you can equate it with authority. Whoever has the key has control.
3. (3:7) There are two meanings to, “who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens; a) It can refer to the kingdom of God, and it can refer to doors of opportunity for His people/ church.
4. (3:8) A door of opportunity is given when a church/biblical community discovers the power of the Spirit. This is spiritual power that the Lord is talking about.
5. (3:8) The presence of the Spirit is in each church w/o any condition. But the power of the Spirit is given to those churches who learn to keep His Word and to not deny His Name.
6. (3:8) The two central things in the ministry of every church are:
 - a. there must be the Word. It must be preached, taught, studied, and known.
 - b. there must be a clear proclamation of the Truth of salvation through Christ alone.
7. (3:9) Those Jews who are of the synagogue of Satan are there because of their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. However, in some future day all Israel will be saved.
8. (3:10) The hour of testing clearly is a reference to the great tribulation.
9. (3:10) Several aspects of the tribulation are noted in the text.
 - 1st - the test is yet future.
 - 2nd - the test is for a definite, limited time.
 - 3rd - it is a test that will expose people for what they really are.
 - 4th - the test is world wide in scope
 - 5th - its purpose is to test those who dwell on the earth - a technical term in Revelation for unbelievers.
10. (3:10) The most natural way to understand the expression to be “kept

from the hour” of something that is universal in the world is not to be preserved through it, but to be kept from being present when it happens.

11. (3:11) “so no one will take your crown” does not refer to salvation, but to reward.
12. (3:12,13) He who overcomes will be made a pillar in the temple, meaning he will have a place of stability, permanence, and immovability. Also, three names will be written on the overcomer. a) the name of my God, b) the name of the city of my God, and c) a new name.

Greek words used today:

hagios, hag’ee-os; *sacred*, physically *pure*, morally *blameless*, (*consecrated*): - (most) holy (one, thing), saint.
exomologeō, ex-om-ol-og-eh’-o; to *acknowledge* or *agree fully*: - confess, profess
megas, meg’-as; *big*: - (+ fear) exceedingly, great (-est), high, large, loud, mighty, + (be) sore (afraid)
thlipsis, *thlip’-sis*; *pressure*: - afflicted, (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.
tereo, tay-reh’-o; (a watch; to guard from loss or injury, properly by keeping the eye upon; by extension to withhold: - hold fast, keep (-er), (pre-, re-) serve

Reflecting on the Text:

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

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

What “open doors” has God put before you?

Have you made the most of the opportunities He has opened up for you or have you ignored them? How have you used your gifts and talents wisely for His glory?

What do you learn about God’s character from His promises here?