

“Opening Doors & Overcoming Obstacles”

Revelation 3:7-13

Intro:

- * Talk about obstacles & open doors
- * Illustration:
- * Revelation 3:7-13 & the letter to Philadelphia is about Jesus opening doors so they can overcome obstacles.

Reflecting on the Word: What do we learn about opening doors & overcoming obstacles?

1. Who Jesus Is & What He Will Do (3:7-10)

His Authority (Description) (3:7)

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He

who is holy,

who is true,

who has the key of David,

who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens,

says this:

Their Attributes (Deeds---Commendation) (3:8)

I know your deeds.

Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut,

because

you have a little power,

and have kept My word,

and have not denied My name.

His Actions (Deeds) (3:9-10)

Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—

I will make them come and bow down at your feet,

and make them know that I have loved you.

Because you have kept the word of My perseverance,

I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who

dwell on the earth.

2. What They Need to Do & What They Will Receive (3:11-13)

His Admonition (Direction) (3:11, 13)

I am coming quickly;

hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

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

His Assurance (Declaration) (3:12)

He who overcomes,

I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore;

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 out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Responding to the Word: