

## **Hold Fast to the End** *(Letter to Philadelphia)*

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### **Revelation 3:7-13**

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, **HE THAT OPENETH, AND NO MAN SHUTTETH; AND SHUTTETH, AND NO MAN OPENETH;**  
8 **I KNOW THY WORKS: behold, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR, AND NO MAN CAN SHUT IT: FOR THOU HAST A LITTLE STRENGTH, AND HAST KEPT MY WORD, AND HAST NOT DENIED MY NAME.**

### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is **COMMON TO MAN:** but God is faithful, **WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.**

### **Hebrews 4:12-16**

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, **PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF THE JOINTS AND MARROW, AND IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART.**

13 **NEITHER IS THERE ANY CREATURE THAT IS NOT MANIFEST IN HIS SIGHT: BUT ALL THINGS ARE NAKED AND OPENED UNTO THE EYES OF HIM WITH WHOM WE HAVE TO DO.**

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **LET US HOLD FAST OUR PROFESSION.**

15 **FOR WE HAVE NOT AN HIGH PRIEST WHICH CANNOT BE TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES; BUT WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN.**

16 **LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.**

- *God see us and knows us down to the very thoughts and intents of our heart, to the very separation of soul and spirit.*
- *Though nothing is hid from God, yet He responds in mercy, not judgment. He knows and feels our temptation and suffering and is moved with compassion to help. He is never moved to criticism or scorn.*

### **1 Thessalonians 5:14**

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, **COMFORT THE FEEBLEMINDED, SUPPORT THE WEAK, BE PATIENT TOWARD ALL MEN.**

### **Revelation 3:7-13**

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 **BECAUSE THOU HAST KEPT THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE, I ALSO WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

11 **BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY: HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST, THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN.**

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

#### **1 Peter 1:3-6**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 **TO AN INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE, AND UNDEFILED, AND THAT FADEETH NOT AWAY, RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,**

5 **WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD** through faith unto salvation **READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.**

6 **WHEREIN YE GREATLY REJOICE, THOUGH NOW FOR A SEASON,** if need be, **YE ARE IN HEAVINESS THROUGH MANIFOLD TEMPTATIONS.**

#### **Romans 8:18**

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time **ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED** with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

#### **Hebrews 12:2**

"**LOOKING UNTO JESUS** the author and finisher of our faith; who **FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

#### **Hebrews 3:12-15**

12 Take heed, brethren, **LEST THERE BE IN ANY OF YOU AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF**, in departing from the living God.

13 But **EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY**, while it is called To day; **LEST ANY OF YOU BE HARDENED** through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For **WE ARE MADE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST, IF WE HOLD THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEDFAST UNTO THE END;**

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS**, as in the provocation.