

Walk through the Door  
Revelation 3:7-13  
The Problem with Church, 8  
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### The OVERVIEW

Philadelphia was the gateway to the west, v. 7a

Jesus addresses us as one who is good and sovereign. v. 7b

The SITUATION: the church in Philadelphia had unique opportunities for ministry, v. 8a

The CHALLENGE: walk through the door into each opportunity as we ...  
v. 8b

1. See our lives through the grid of ministry.
2. Set our eyes on God's character as we ...
  - rely upon His power
  - respond to life according to His word
  - reach for His glory

The ENCOURAGEMENT: hold on to what you have, v. 9-13

1. He will avenge His name with those who persecute us.
2. He will protect us from His wrath that will be poured out on the earth.
3. He will return soon to reward us ...

APPLICATION: where has God given you an opportunity for ministry? Are you walking through the door?

1. God blesses us so that we might be a blessing.
2. When we grow, there are challenges.
3. Our greatest challenge is fear.

### QUOTE:

"Ah Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth with Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You!" Jeremiah 32:17

"The crown is a symbol of God's eternal reward – although not in the sense that we usually think of a reward. This reward from God is not like a paycheck, a bigger mansion in heaven, a plaque or a trophy, or a pat on the back. The reward is profoundly more than any of our paltry, earthbound conceptions of rewards could match. The reward, the crown, is the opportunity for even greater service for God!" *Ray Stedman*