



**FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON:** Sunday, December 5, 2021

**TITLE:** A Letter to an Enduring Church

**PASSAGE:** Revelation 3:7-13

**SERIES:** The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

1. Is there something, someone, or a situation that you find yourself in where you are struggling, where things are hard and where you do not know how much longer you can endure or hold on?
  2. Read the following verses and answer the questions below from these passages. Revelation 3:8, John 10:9, 2 Corinthians 2:12, Colossians 4:3, James 5:9, Revelation 3:20, 4:1, Luke 11:9-10.
    1. What do you learn about God?
    2. What do you learn about people?
    3. What do you learn about the relationship between God and people?
  3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Hebrews 1:3-4, 2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 13:4, Romans 1:20, Eph 3:16-20.
    1. What do you learn about power from these verses?
    2. Do you believe that God has that amount of power?
    3. Do you live your life in that truth?
  4. Read Romans 1:16. Based on this verse, the verses from question 3 and the challenge from the sermon to pray for people:
    1. Do you believe that God has the power to save?
    2. Have you made your list of at least 5 people?
    3. Have you seen answered prayer for salvation before?
    4. Take time to pray for your list of people by name right now.
  5. These two words were emphasized in the sermon: obedience and allegiance. On a sliding scale of 1-10, with 1 being “not at all” and 10 being “all in,” where would you fit on that scale with the following:
    - a. Obedience: ‘you’ve kept my word’
    - b. Allegiance: ‘you’ve not denied my name’
- i. What specifically can you do over the next week to move up on this scale? Share with your accountability partner and check in with each other throughout the week.
6. Read Revelation 3:11, 1 Peter 5:4, James 1:12, 2 Timothy 4:8. a. What do you learn about crowns?  
b. Are you looking towards receiving your crown?
  7. From the sermon, there are three realities for those who hold on when it is hard: 1) God is my Father; 2) Heaven is my home; and 3) Jesus is my Lord. And to hold on when it is hard you can:  
1) Lean into his power; 2) Believe in his purposes; and 3) Hold onto his promises. What are some
  8. practical ways you can do that this week?

(\*See page 2 for **PRAYER POINTS**.)

As we continue in our series through the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3, let's pray together through these passages. Let's place ourselves humbly before the Lord and trust him to teach Mission City Bible Church what we need to know and do as a result of our time in the word and in prayer. Use these prayer starters, as needed, and move from one section to the next, as appropriate.

### **THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF JESUS:**

- He is the holy one (v7)
- He is the true one (v7)
- He has the key of David (v7)
- What he opens no one will shut, and what he shuts no one will open (v7)
- He opens doors for ministry which no one can shut (v8)
- He strengthens those who have little power (v8)
- He will vindicate his people in the end (v9)
- He loves us (v9)
- He will keep us (v10)
- He is coming soon (v11)
- He has a crown for us (v11)
- He will be our security, safety, and identity for eternity (v12)

### **REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Jesus, we praise you because you are holy and true even when . . .
- Lord, thank you for loving me/us when . . .
- Jesus, we praise you because you have opened doors for us to . . .

### **RESPONSE:**

- Lord, I confess that I have little power when it comes to . . .
- Lord, I admit that I have not pursued holiness and truth in . . .
- Lord, I acknowledge that in my search for security, safety, identity, etc., I have depended more on \_\_\_\_\_ than I have on you; help me to change

### **REQUEST:**

- Lord, would you open the door to the treasures of the kingdom for these people in my life:
- Lord, we trust you to keep opening doors of ministry opportunity that no one can close (so we pray for evangelism, discipleship, baptisms, growth in prayer, etc.)
- Lord, we have such little power; strengthen us to . . .
- Lord, help me/us to hold on to you especially when . . .

### **READINESS:**

- Jesus, we will trust you to keep us when it's hard for us to . . .
- Lord, help us to be ready to walk through the doors you open even when . . .
- Lord, come quickly!