

**May 31, 2020**

**Stand Strong– Philadelphia Revelation 3:7-13**

**I) The Lord Identified V.7**

- Described: Holy (*sacred, blameless*) & True (*faithful*). Key of David (lineage); Open/shut (authority).
  - Isaiah 22:22; Revelation 1:18; Matthew 16:19.
- Jesus has all authority & power.

**II) Work & Faithfulness Commended V.8**

- Knows work/deeds done, common phrase (2:2, 19; 3:1).
- Open Door (opportunities). Acts 14:27; 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Colossians 4:3.
- Little strength (*power*) but strong, not deny the Lord. John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 12:10.
- Can be strong & faithful today, effective in His power.

**III) Dealing with Opposition V.9-10**

- Christians opposed, face persecution.
- Synagogue of Satan: Likely Jewish persecution (2:9).
- True Jews (Romans 2:28-29). Circumcision of heart.
- Opposition is humbled, admit Lord's love/comfort.
- V.10 Jesus sees faithful endurance. Keep from trials. Spiritual protection. Not taken from world (John 17:15).

**IV) Standing As a Pillar V.11-13**

- **I AM COMING SOON!**
- Hold on! Remain faithful, grip faith, good work, gospel.
- Crown: award for victory in finishing. Don't lose it!
- V.12 Overcomers be a pillar (stability).
- Place for those stand strong, new name. 2:17 (Pergamum); God's name written upon (7:3, 14:1, 22:4). Isaiah 62:2, 65:15.

Need to stand strong, be faithful. Jesus rewards those firm in faith, secure in eternal life, as a pillar.

Much yet to be done. May Jesus come soon, finding us faithful & strong.