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Topic: Studies in Revelation: The Church with the Open Door

Scripture text: Revelation 3:7-13

1. The church in Philadelphia did not receive any condemnation. They kept themselves pure and holy despite the challenges. There will be opposition trying to shut the door of the church witness but God will not allow it. God is faithful to His promises. The existence of a church witness depends on God. He holds the key and has the authority. Therefore, we must rely on Him.

2. We have nothing to fear despite the attempts to shut the door of witness. The church in Philadelphia had little strength but true strength lies in persevering in the Lord. They guarded God's Word and drew strength from it. Therefore, they could endure. We can learn from this and be faithful to God and His Word.

3. The effect of the open door is that even those who oppose can see that God's favour is upon the church. We can become God's instruments. God will help us through the trials and tribulations. We must cling on to God and witness for Him.