

Revelation 3:2-13
I Have Set Before You an Open Door
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Rev 3:1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. 4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall **walk with Me in white**, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes shall be **clothed in white garments**, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will **confess his name before My Father and before His angels**. 6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

1 Thess 5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when **they** say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes **upon them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 **But you**, brethren, are **not in darkness**, so that this Day should **overtake you as a thief**. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

*Weary Remnant Watchmen, By Jan Markell, July 23, 2020, <https://olivetreeviews.org/>: We are in the most biblically relevant times in history with *the least amount of interest in them*. We are in a season of exploding "signs of the times" with the most amount of scoffing (all predicted). Everything is now accelerated. Everything is on overdrive—*except the interest in all of these things*. And as a result, the watchmen are growing weary!*

Matt 22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who **did not have on a wedding garment**. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, **clothed with white robes**, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Luke 12:8 "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. 9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Revelation 3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He **who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens**": 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you

have **a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.** 9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.** 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! **Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.** 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Matt 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **I do not know you.**' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Rev 2:10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

Gabriel Abraham Singbeh's Story

[Exerpt]

After a week of my payment [**Ransom money - \$500 instead of the \$2,200 demanded**], I was call upon by the four boys that were in charge of the connection house. They have discover again that I was praying and the others had joined me to pray and so we all need punishment and that was death because we have violated their orders. I felt this was just one of their many mocking statements howver, but they were serious. They brought about ten of us outsider and started questioning us about how important we take our Christian faith. As they ask each of us, everyone answered in their own wasy because we all knew death was involved. They told us before we are killed, we will suffer for 8 days and on the 9 we will be kill. We never knew how they was going to kill us all we knew was that all of us were going to die within 9 days. With this in mind most of my friends were afraid and some of them began to blame me that it was my fault because I brought praying in Jesus name. But the five of us that Muhammadu Salam brought from the other place were still very confidence and kept praying that the Lord Jesus will be done. The Arabs

boys had told us that we will be kill because we are Christians and because we believe in Jesus Christ.

Thus it wasn't for the prayer that we did but rather for our religion and faith in Christ – even if it was because of the prayer, Mr. victor 35, years old, Denial 28 years, brother James 30 years old, broth Abeo 20 years and bother Isaac 24 were all ready for whatever we face. It's not easy to be told you are going to be kill when you have not committed any crime. Our lives were now determined by men who had no power to give one back.