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Rev.3:8: "I know your works; behold, I have put before you an opened door which no one can shut, because you have a little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name."

"I know your works." This is a special word. It is different from what the Lord told the other churches. Here the **Lord is not inspecting their works** but telling the suffering and weak believers that **He knows their works and is satisfied with them**. It is not the case with the other churches; the Lord there was examining the nature of their works. He told Sardis, "I have found none of your works completed before My God" (v. 2). Here, however, He does not have such penetrating searchings. He knows our works and is satisfied. If He requires completion from us as He has required of Sardis, will we not find it hard to meet His demand? All mixed motives, lack of faith, laziness, and self-love will cause us to bow our heads before Him. **Actually, no work of ours can match the grace that we received**. There may be a lot of natural activities, and there may be much praise from man, but how much of God's pleasure is there generally? We have to praise the Lord! Indeed, if we pay attention to the condition in the world and the church, our hearts will sink, and we will forget that Christ knows everything. However, the Lord does not say that these ones have nothing. He says that they have still kept His word and have not denied His name.

"You have a little power." Here, as in other places, the Lord first mentions the commendable things. He draws attention to their having "a little power" and praises them for this. **There is not much power, only a little of it**. Here we do not see the power and gift of Pentecost. Here we do not have the great faith that removes mountains. "The day of small things" constitutes the last page of church history... **It is impossible to have the original condition in the latter days. It is good enough if one has the first love**. Although eternal life and the power of the Holy Spirit never diminish, we are inevitably bound to the age in which we are living. Of course, we should not be affected by it. However, we are not without blemish in this age. The Lord is here telling us the condition of the faithful little flock at the end of the church age. **What the Lord sees is a little power...**

The Lord knows what to approve..., the Lord finds enough to approve of. The age of the outward filling of the power of the Holy Spirit is over. The Bible has not promised that there will be a revival of the original condition in the last days. What Philadelphia has now is only a little power. **Weakness has become their mark**. This must necessarily be so; because she exists at the same time as Thyatira and Sardis, **she must bear the character of a remnant**. The fleshly ones and those who have not been deeply perfected in the Bible will surely admire the manifestation of the power of the former days. But those who understand the way the Lord works today will realize that what the Lord approves is but a little power. **Our present responsibility is to keep the Lord's word and to exalt His name**. We are not here to bring in a new Pentecost. Philadelphia has nothing to boast of before the world and before the other believers. Our conduct should not be different from the character of Philadelphia. We should not seek for conspicuous works. Rather, we should be satisfied with the Lord Himself...

"And have kept My word and have not denied My name." Is it true that all they had was a little power and nothing else? No. The Lord says, "And have kept My word and have not denied My name." How does the Lord know that they have a little power? Surely it is by their keeping the Lord's word and not denying His name. They have not received the gifts which the church has lost; they have not received a position, a great number in the church, or a place before men. Rather, they received strength before God. **Real power lies in obedience and worship**. It is precisely **because the Lord's word has been despised that there is the need to keep it**. It is precisely **because the Lord's name has been rejected that we should not reject it**. Indeed, **the Lord's word has become widespread** in the church. However, **has man received it yet? The Lord's name is indeed known**, but **has it been honored**? Have the believers loved it and sought after it like seeking after treasure? Are believers gathered together to pray and to read for the purpose of further understanding the Lord's word and for closer intimacy to the Lord's name? How many believers are there who honor the Lord and hold His word as truly authoritative? We need inward spiritual power before we can obey and worship the Lord in such environments. Here there is no evangelism or great revivals but the loving, serving, and extolling of Christ by a small body of people (Excerpts from The Christian (3): Meditations on Revelation, CWWN, vol.5).

*Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
~ Matt.28:19*

Church Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg by Area – Apr 28
2. Church in Winnipeg Conference – May 2-3
Registration due – Apr 19
3. Brothers' Meeting – Apr 26
4. Summer Training –
Registration due – May 1
5. Summer School of Truth –
Registration due – May 15

Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15
Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22
Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference –
May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-
Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26
Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference –
Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26
Anaheim CA USA

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PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Strengthen us to enter through the narrow gate and walk on the constricted way that we may live a regulated and healthy life that bears fruit. May we bear Your testimony and carry out Your economy.
2. Lord, have mercy on us that we would stay on the way of life, in the maintenance of life by enjoying You as the tree of life. Keep our daily walk and work on the right line where we can take You as our dwelling place, food, drink, and light.
3. Lord, cause us to take the way of Philadelphia – where we exercise our little power by spending the grace we have received from You, keeping the pure Word, and taking no other name but Yours.
4. Thank You, Lord for having the key of David, not just to open the door for the spread of the recovery but also for us to become a white stone and pillars, that are built into the temple of God, that bears the name of God, the name of the city of God, and Your new name.
5. Lord, continue to be merciful to us that we would not become a “distorted Philadelphia”. Save us from spiritual pride and from thinking that we are spiritually rich. Cause us to pay the price and buy gold, the white garment, and eyesalve.
6. We praise You for such a church life we are in, where we can have a foretaste of Your kingdom to come. May we live You out as our subjective righteousness and be anointed to see Your preciousness.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the conference in Rome, Italy on May 9 to 10. Please pray that the Lord’s present move in Italy will be advanced through this conference and through the shepherding trips.
2. Pray for the first Lord’s Table Meeting in Prato, Italy on May 17, preceded by a mini-conference on May 16. Please pray that the Lord will raise up a strong testimony in Prato and in other key cities in Italy.

Local Burdens:

1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
2. Pray for the two college brothers (Bro. Eric and Bro. Matthew) joining the FTTA for a short-term training on April 28 to May 3. Grant them much grace to see the purpose and goal of the training and stir in them a consecration to be trained.
3. Pray for the College students - that we would maintain our contact with them throughout the summer, and they would be consistent in coming to the home meetings.
4. Pray for positive and immediate approval of the immigration papers of Liu/Qu, Aguador, Alforte and Gonzales families.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord’s Table & Propheying—Lord’s Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children’s Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM