



Outline - Sunday, October 5, 2014

Sermon Title: To the Church at Philadelphia: The Hour of Testing

Scripture Reading: James 1:1-16/Rev 3:9-11

1. A test passed—a promise given: vs 10

“The hour is on its way”

- a. God tries our faith: *Ps 7:9/Prov 17:3/1 Thess 2:4*
- b. We all have an hour: *Dan 3:5, 15; 5:5/Mt 10:19; 25:13/John 2:4/1 John 2:19/Rev 18:17*
- c. Endurance leads to blessing: *James 1:12/Job 23:10*
- d. Christ is the one who endured: *Heb 12:3-6/John 17:1*

2. Finish this gospel race and keep your crown: vs 11

- a. He is on His way: *Jude 20-21/Titus 2:11-14*
- b. Don't give up: *Mt 24:11-14*
“The hour of seduction/persecution” try
- c. Keep the gospel: *2 Tim 1:9*
Stay on point: *Col 2:8, 18*
- d. There is a crown laid up for you: *2 Tim 4:8/Rev 5:10-11*

3. A CRAZY PROMISE: vs 12

- a. A permanent pillar position: *1 Tim 3:15; 1 Kg 7:21/2 Chron 3:17*
- b. Engraven on His hands: *Isa 49:16*
- c. Eternal **citizenship** in New Jerusalem: *Phil 3:20/1 Sam 2:30*