

Sunday, January 8, 2022

Sermon Outline

II. BECAUSE THEY KEPT THE WORD OF THE LORD'S PERSEVERANCE HE PROMISED TO KEEP THEM FROM THE HOUR OF TESTING THAT WILL COME UPON THE WHOLE WORLD, v-10

A. Because Of Their Outstanding Faithfulness The Lord Will **Keep Them From** This Period Of Testing, v-10a --It is a Reward!

B. It Is A Future Time, v-10b "About to come"

C. The Testing Time Will Come Upon "The Whole World," v-10c

1. Not seen in World History yet!
2. The Lord is speaking to the True Church of the Future. This Philadelphia will be long gone.

D. The Purpose Of The Time Period Is To Test The Lost On Earth, v-10d --A Period of Judgment

1. The Lord spoke of it while on Earth, Mt. 24:21, 22
2. It is Daniel's 70th. week of his Prophecy of Seventy weeks, Dan. 9:24
3. The details are revealed in Revelation 6-19 --God's seven year Tribulation Period
The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowl Judgments!

E. The Promise Supports The **Pre-Tribulation** View Of The Rapture Of The Church, Cf. 1 Cor. 15:51,52; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17

III. CHRIST ENCOURAGES HIS FAITHFUL CHURCH TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE END, v-11

- A. He Will Come To Keep Them From The Hour Of Testing, v-11a
- B. He Tells Them To Hold Fast So They Won't Lose Their Reward, v-11b; 2 Jn. 8

IV. TO THE OVERCOMERS THE LORD MAKES EVEN MORE PROMISES, v-12

- A. He Will Give Them An Eternal, Secure Place In God's Presence, v-12a --"Pillar"
- B. He Will Imprint God's Character On Them, And Identify Them As His Forever, v-12b
- C. He Will Cause Them To Have Eternal Citizenship In The Capital City Of Heaven Forever, The New Jerusalem, v-12c
- D. He Will Identify Them With His New Name Forever, v-12d

V. AGAIN THE LORD ENCOURAGES THE CHURCH TO HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCHES, v-13