## Importance of Praise and Prayer

## Main Bible Verse:

(Revelation 3:7-10) "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

## Summary:

- 1. The church of Philadelphia has a very important key. It is a key all of us need, the key of David. This is the key to solve all your problems. However, there are two conditions, holy and true.
- 2. (Matthew 11:28) Church is the only place to obtain this key. Therefore, we must joyfully come to church to worship and pray to receive the key. We must learn to kneel down, fast and pray, and let the holiness and truth of God come upon us. We have to learn to come before the Lord, depart from our own thoughts and burdens. Learn to worship and pray to let the troubles depart from us.
- 3. (Matthew 5:3) Poor in spirit means we have nothing in us but God. Only to praise Jesus, our creator. When we learn to worship in truth and in Spirit, the power of the word of God will be upon us.
- 4. How do we receive God's help? We must worship daily. At least three times a day, 3-5 minutes each time. Invite God to be part of your life. When we lift our hands up to worship from dawn to night, we will experience God silences the foes and avengers.
- 5. Continue to worship and praise, we will gradually become holy and we will know the truth of God. Then God will bless you with the key of David.
- 6. Key of David: Praise. Praise will lead us into the creation of Jesus. Only Jesus could pardon our sins and heal our sicknesses. He will lift our curses and create all things for us. His stripes were for us. He was crucified for us, gone to hell for us, and was resurrected for us. All who believed in Him will receive eternal life. (John 10:7-10/John 14:6/ John 1:1-3)
- 7. (2 Chronicles 20:14-22) This is the key of David, the key of Praise, the solution God gave king Jehoshaphat. Not to use the most powerful weapon or toughest warrior, but to set a team of worshiper to praise God.
- 8. God is pleased to see us overcome hardships with praise. We must learn to deny ourselves, not to rely on our ability or intelligent, nor to rely on environment or man, but to truly look up to God. Receive the wisdom, direction, and power of God through attending church meetings, reading the bible, and prayers. Let God open the gate of miracles for you.
- 9. (Acts 16:18-20/Acts 16:25) When Paul and Silas were preaching the gospel, they were attacked, slandered, and put in jail. But no complain has ever left their lips. All they've ever done was worship and praise, for they knew that only God could silence the joe and the avengers.

- 10. Paul and Silas did not just pray for a few minutes, they prayed for more than six to seven hours. We must learn to meditate God's word day and night, and to live a life of worship and praise. This is the mystery to let the creation of God enter your life.
- 11. When the praise of Paul and Silas reached the holy and true God, God blessed them with eight miracles:
  - a. Violent earthquake
  - b. The foundations of the prison were shaken
  - c. All the prison doors flew open
  - d. Everybody's chains came loose
  - e. None of the prisoners escaped
  - f. The jailer was baptized
  - g. The entire family of the jailer received salvation
  - h. Paul and Silas exited the jail
- 12. (John 14:1) When you feel powerless, fear, troubled, sad, discouraged, etc. Jesus tells you, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
- 13. No one could avoid hardships. But we must learn not to lose heart and continue to go to church, to worship and praise. You will see God's grace and miracles be with you. Let us practice not to judge, not to complain, not to eat from the good and evil of the world, but to eat the fruit of life at church. God will restore the wisdom and power to rule and to take care to you.

## **Conclusion:**

The Morning Prayer Meetings at our church is to help us to learn to obtain the key of David. Therefore, we encourage brothers and sisters not to depart from the sanctuary of the Lord. When we have little strength, we must worship God. God will bless us with the key of David.

(Revelation 3:8) I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

- 1. Not give up meeting together (especially Morning Prayer Meetings)
- 2. Do not let your heart be troubled
- 3. Be merciful