

## THE LITTLE CHURCH THAT COULD

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Standing In The Fire, part 9

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*“will never go out again.”*

*“pillar in temple of my God.”* (Jer. 1:18; Ps. 144:12)

*“new name.”*

belongs to him

heavenly citizenship (Phil. 3:20)

new identity with his authority

**MAIN THEME: “Look! An open door!”** I’ve got the keys and I’ve opened a door for you.

**Holy One.** “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.” **Is. 6:3**

**True One.**

Hebrew: trustworthy

Greek: real, reality, genuine. (19:11)

**Key of David**

“He will be a father to those who live in Jerusalem and to the people of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.” **Is. 22:22**

**Kept his word:** held it fast, guarded/cherished

haven’t denied my name

**Hold onto what have,**

**Endure patiently**

**Keep/kept**

**I’ll keep you from the hour of testing**

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them <sup>[safe]</sup> from the evil one.” **Jn. 17:15** ESV

**Synagogue of Satan** (Mk. 8:33; Is. 60:14)

**Look!** Eyes open. (Josh. 6:2) See the way I see.

**Open Door.**

**Door to life/salvation.**

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” **Mat 7:13-14**

“By his death and resurrection Jesus has opened the door to all that the living God is and has!” **Darrell Johnson**

*Have you entered thru the door of salvation?*

*Have you believed Jesus and received him?*

**Door of Opportunity.**

“found that the Lord had opened a door for me” **2 Corinthians 2:12**

“pray for us, that God may open a door for our message” **Colossians 4:3**

“a great door for effective work has opened to me and there are many who oppose me.” **1 Corinthians 16:9**

**Missionary city**

**Have little power** (3:8)

“he is always calling the church into mission beyond our resources so that we have to depend on him.” **Darrell Johnson**

*True holiness sees weakness differently.*

*“Rebuild my church.”*

*“Look! I have put before you an open door.”*