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His character is pure (Hebrews 6:17-18) – there is no one like Him and no one greater His promises are secure (II Corinthians 1:20-22) – God said it ... that settles it!

Holding the Key of David (II Samuel 7:15-16 / Daniel 7:13-14) – entrance to His eternal kingdom

Door that is open (II Corinthians 6:2 / Isaiah 55:6) – **now is the time to enter**For those with little strength (Zechariah 4:6 / I Corinthians 1:26-31) – **by His strength**For those who keep His Word (John 8:31-32 / II Timothy 4:1-2) – **holding His truth**For those who do not deny His Name (Psalm 138:2 / Philippians 2:10) – **all will bow**

Door that is closed (Matthew 25:10) - am I ready?

For those of the synagogue of Satan – *false teachers and prophets*For those who are liars (Revelation 21:8) – *you cannot falsify your credentials*For those who will one day acknowledge their error (Revelation 20:12) - *before Him*

Hour of trial - what we know as the Tribulation

The testing – coming upon the whole world (Isaiah 34:1-3; 63:6 / Hebrews 12:27)

All nations and all that can be shaken

The escape – those who patiently endure (I Thessalonians 5:9) – kept from His Wrath

Hold on to what you have (Philippians 3:16) – do not go backwards

His coming is soon (Revelation 1:3; 22:20) - in His time it will happen quickly

His crown for us awaits (I Thessalonians 2:19/James 1:12/I Peter 5:5/II Timothy 4:8)

Which we will lay at His feet

Him who overcomes – those who have put their faith in Jesus

You will be made a pillar in the temple of God (I Kings 7:21 / I Timothy 3:15)

Established and strong – the foundation of truth

You will never have to leave His presence (Hebrews 13:5-6)

He will never leave us – therefore we can be content

You will be given a NAME (Ephesians 3:14-15) – we belong to our Father

The name of God

The name of the city of God (the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven)

The new name given to Jesus

In what way is it a comfort for us to know that Jesus is Holy and True? (John 8:45-47 / II Peter 1:3-4)

No charges can ever be brought against Him to nullify His sacrifice for our sin.

We can confidently claim His promises for us – which lead us to escape the corruption of this world

What is implied by His statement, "you have little strength?" (II Corinthians 12:21-27 / Luke 18:8) Our strength is not our own – we owe everything to Him.

Our standing in this fallen world seems insignificant as the end draws near – so few hang on to the faith.

Why is it difficult in our time to keep His Word and not deny His Name? (II Timothy 3:1-5)

The world is being prepared to receive the antichrist and we stand in the way.

Most of the institutions of our world and culture have rejected God and His Word – this makes us the enemy.

How can we recognize those who are of the synagogue of Satan? (Genesis 3:1-5 / Matthew 4:3-10 II Corinthians 2:7-11; 11:2-4, 13-15 / I John 2:15-17) *They cast doubt on God's Word and on His goodness.*They seek to short-cut God's plan and/or timing – pretending to have a better way. They are spiritually proud, believing they are better than others – becoming judgmental and unforgiving.

They appear to offer what is good – but they are deceitful, appealing to the lusts of the flesh.

How well does the world score in their time of testing? (see Revelation 9:20-21; 16:8-11)

They shake their fists at God in rebellion – continuing their evil practices.

They refuse to repent – even though acknowledging God's hand in judgment upon them.

What are some ways we can hold on and not lose our crowns? What things can hinder or weaken us? (John 15:5/II Timothy 3:16-17/Romans 6:11-14/I Thessalonians 1:9-10; 5:17/Hebrews 10:24-25/Romans 12:2/II Corinthians 6:14-7:1) Abide in Christ! Communicate with God in prayer and in His word.

Surrender your will and life to Him every day. Turn to God from idols, trusting Him to help you overcome sin. Seek to walk in His presence – enjoying your relationship with Him

Do not forsake the assembly. Beware of evil and deceptive influences.

What is the significance of our name? (Galatians 4:9/John 1:12-13/Exodus 33:17/Ephesians 3:14-15)

I am called by His Name as His child – making me a part of His family.

He know me by name – which means we have a personal relationship (John 17:3)

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