

Urgency Part 6

Revelation 2:18-29 Thyatira

¹⁸ And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

¹⁹ I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

²⁰ Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

²¹ And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

²² Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

²³ And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

²⁴ But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

²⁵ But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

²⁶ And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

²⁷ And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

²⁸ And I will give him the morning star.

²⁹ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Compromise will destroy a church. We live in a world of compromise where people seek their own interest at any cost. People sell their souls for possessions, power, and pleasures of this world. People young and old alike will compromise and go along; They will do almost anything.

1.(2:18) Once again Jesus is telling the Pastor that He is responsible for the church in which He is leading. It is the Ministers duty to declare the Word of Christ to the church, exactly what it says not what people want it to say. This church was smaller than the other churches but Christ has a lot to say to this church. Because this church is compromising the Word of God. I believe what Jesus is truly saying to the church of Thyatira and is saying to us also. People who promote doctrinal error or tolerate those who do must repent before they come under the judgment of God.

Luke 9:23 KJV ²³ And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

1 John 2:15-16 KJV ¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Christ declares that His eyes are like a flame of fire. Christ sees all. He sees when a person is compromising, behind closed doors. He sees the person who lies and steals, cheats, commits immorality, becomes intoxicated and takes drugs. He sees everything. He sees all seductive teaching and the misleading of the people within the church. He sees the faithful also.

Jer 16:17 KJV ¹⁷ For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hidden from my face, neither is their iniquity hidden from mine eyes.

Ezk 11: 5 KJV ⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

Hos 7:2 KJV ² And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

What is very interesting about the city of Thyatira is that first it was a military outpost for Pergumum and second it was a town of actors. Trade guilds played a powerful role in Thyatira. The trade was much like the unions in this country today. If you didn't belong to the guild or union you didn't work this made it hard on believers because many of the quildes were filled with Pagan practices.

3.(2:19) There were some commendations: this church was very active:and Christ told them about their good works. Remember all of our works are works of love and we can do nothing apart from love. Such ministries would include.

Evangelism: reaching out to the lost

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| -The youth | - Orphans | - The poor |
| -The elderly | -The hungry | - Single parents |
| -College students | -The shut-ins | -Homeless |
| -The needy | -People in prison | |

This is the work the church should be doing.

4. (2:20-21) The Jezebel in the church(backsliding-false teaching)

The church was tolerating a false teacher to teach within the church. Note she had called herself a prophetess. She claimed that God had gifted her to teach and proclaim the truth. The false teacher the Jezebel was seducing the church with false teaching, fornication and idolatry. I have seen this spirit in action. It is very destructive. When I think of Thyatira I think of Hollywood California. Get all you can does not matter whether it is moral or not. Jesus has given Jezebel an opportunity to repent, she refused,we see what will happen next. Reference 2 Kings 9:22 and 30. She was just like the Jezebel of old. And her death was dreadful. The dogs ate her.

2 Corinthians 6:14 KJV¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Ephesians 5:11 KJV¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

This is the reason why a lot of people are exiting the church in mass numbers because they think that it is ok to compromise, when you tell them the truth they get offended and leave. For example it's not ok to live with someone when you're not married, we get divorced at the drop of a hat. It's not ok to smoke pot and to get drunk and still think you are representing the Kingdom. I can go on and on. I'm telling you God will not tolerate it, not at the least. He is cleaning the church as we speak.

5. (22-23) The warning to the church: there is a warning to those who compromise and corrupt. Five points to look at.

- a. There is a warning to Jezebel that she will be cast into a bed of sickness. This probably means a sickness to match her sin, a venereal disease or maybe cirrhosis of the liver. There is always a cost for our sin when we refuse to repent.

Galatians 6:7-8 KJV⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

- b. There is a warning to those who gave in to her seduction and lifestyle. They were to suffer a great tribulation.
- c. There is warning to the children of Jezebel that they will be killed because they became just like her. They had room to repent also.

1 Corinthians 11:30 KJV³⁰ For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

- d. The fifth point is that there is still time to repent. Christ's love is so powerful that He gave Jezebel time to repent. If you have a pulse there is time.

Acts 3:19 KJV ¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:10 KJV ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

6. (24-25) The depths of satan: To compromise with the world-refusing to separate yourselves from evil and to be pure and holy and choosing to stay in the depths of compromise is very dangerous. How do we not do that?

Galatians 5:16 KJV ¹⁶ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Philippians 3:16 KJV ¹⁶ Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

1 John 2:6 KJV ⁶ He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 KJV ¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?¹⁷ If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

7.(26-29) Overcomers and the Promises: Two wonderful promises are made to the believers who overcomes and do not compromise. They will rule and govern things in Heaven, the overcomer is given the Morning star which is Jesus.

Luke 19:17 KJV ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Well done, thou good faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

1 Corinthians 6:2 Amp ^[a]Do you not know that the saints (God's people) will [one day] judge the world? If the world is to be judged by you, are you not competent ^[b]to try trivial (insignificant, petty) cases?

Revelation 1:5-6 KJV ⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.