

Revelation 2:18-29

¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹ “‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.

THE 7 CHURCHES | THYATIRA

1. What are the strengths of this church?

- What do we see about their works?

2. What are its weaknesses?

3. When is tolerance appropriate, and when does it interfere with the Christian faith?

4. Why do you think Jesus called this woman Jezebel?

- What does the symbolic name Jezebel reveal about the woman in this church? See 2 Kings 9:7-37

5. What specific temptations was she seducing the church with?

- How is the church facing those temptations today?

²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

PRAYER REQUESTS

6. How should the church handle sexual immorality among its members?

7. How can you protect yourself from such temptations?

- Your family?
- Your church?

8. Last week we addressed false teachings that invaded the church from the outside. In Thyatira, Jezebel appears to influence the church from inside, claiming to be a prophetess. What are some clear false doctrinal teachings that have been promoted by those claiming to be Christians, and how have they affected the church?

9. What do we learn about the church from the phrase "to the rest of you in Thyatira?"

10. What counsel does He offer the faithful believers in this church?

11. Practically speaking, what can you do "hold fast what you have?"

12. What do you appreciate most about the promise to overcomers in this section? How can that promise encourage us today?