

THE WAY CHURCH SERMON SERIES

He Walks Among The Lampstands Part 5

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"The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze: I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first."

Revelation 2:18-19

The Son of God Walks With Eyes of Fire

1 *Revelation 2:18*

Thyatira was a trade-guild city steeped in idol worship and pressure to compromise. Before He corrects anything, Jesus introduces Himself as the Son of God whose eyes test what is hidden and whose feet stand firm against sin. He establishes His authority over every false god and every voice in the room.

He Sees the Growth, Not Just the Start

2 *Revelation 2:19*

Jesus names what He sees: love, faith, service, patient endurance, and that their latter works exceed the first. Revival is not a one-time spark. God is looking for a trajectory of growing devotion, not a faith that peaked on day one and coasted.

What He Won't Tolerate

3 *Revelation 2:20-21*

Good works did not excuse the church tolerating a "Jezebel" influence, teaching that normalized compromise and led people into immorality and idolatry. Jesus gave her space to repent. Genuine love never means staying silent about what is pulling people away from Him.

"And I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Revelation 2:28-29

Repentance Is an Invitation Before It's a Judgment

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Revelation 2:22-23

Because she refused to repent, discipline followed, but the door to repent came first. Jesus searches mind and heart and repays according to what is genuinely there. His correction in our lives is still an act of love calling us back, not abandonment.

Hold Fast - No New Burden Required

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Revelation 2:24-25

To the rest of the church, Jesus does not demand something new to prove their faith; He simply says hold fast to what you already have until I come. Faithfulness in the ordinary - love, patience, kindness - is still the assignment while we wait on Him.

The Overcomer Receives the Morning Star

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Revelation 2:26-29

To the one who conquers, Jesus promises authority and gives him "the morning star" - Himself. Every season of patient endurance is headed toward a reward that is Christ Himself, not merely relief from the struggle.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Where have your "latter works" either grown or stalled compared to when you first believed?
- Is there a compromise or influence you've been tolerating because confronting it feels harder than ignoring it?
- Is God giving you time to repent in an area right now, and what is holding you back from doing it today?
- What would it look like to simply "hold fast" this week instead of chasing something new to prove your faith?
- How does knowing Jesus Himself is your reward change the way you endure what you're facing right now?

"To the one who conquers, I will give the morning star."

Revelation 2:26, 28