

"Growing in Works, But Tolerating the Seducer"

Revelation 2:18-29

Intro:

- * Talk about having influence
- * Influence can either be a good or bad thing
- * Illustration:
- * Influence is the ability to get someone to do something

Transition: Jesus in His message to Thyatira is telling the church that they have both good and bad influence:

1. Hard Work for the Lord:

- A. Not just religious activity, but genuine ministry (works) for the Lord
- B. Service is the outcome of love
Endurance is the outcome of faithfulness
- C. Works growing greater and stronger

But.....

2. Accommodating to the World (lowering of biblical standards)

- A. Allowing/permitting, not hindering the promoting/teaching of things that are not really of God by a false teacher
Tolerating the seducer (the one who is leading others astray)
- B. Allowing believers to be seduced into sin
Tolerating the sin (the one who is being led astray)

3. Consequences for the Church:

- A. Jesus has "eyes" to see and perceive their sin (searches hearts and minds)
Jesus has "feet" to judge and trample their sin (repay according to deeds)
1 John 2:15, 16; James 4:4 (this is why Jesus hates what they are doing)
- B. The seducer: Cast on a bed of suffering (sickness) because of her unwillingness to repent after given time to
- C. The practitioner of sin: Will be struck dead with "pestilence/disease"
- D. The tolerater: Suffer intensely unless they repent of her ways
- E. The overcomer (of Jezebel and her teaching): No other burden except to hold on to what you have (good works) and to continue to overcome Jezebel
Not only no consequence, but given a promise: authority over the nations
the morning star
- F. The Church of Thyatira: Made an example by the Lord to the other churches
- F. All the churches: Repay each according to their deeds (whatever they are)

Conclusion:

* Tie message in with Communion

We should desire to commune with the Lord not the world or it's ways

Jesus made it possible for us to do that in salvation

He still makes it possible through communion with His Spirit

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Word Studies

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Son of God: Title indicating His divine nature

Blazing Fire: A burning fire or flame

Burnished Bronze: A type of fine copper or brass

Know: Perceive, be aware of

Present Indicative:

Active:

Deeds: Comprehensively, what a man is and how he acts

Love: Affectionate regard, goodwill

Faith: Good faith, faithfulness, sincerity

Service: In the sense of aid, meaning relief, as spoken of alms, contributions

Perseverance: Endurance, patience, perseverance or constancy under suffering in faith and duty

Against:

Tolerate: To permit, allow, not to hinder

Present Indicative:

Active:

Jezebel: The name here is used symbolically of the OT Jezebel

See 1 Kings 16:31; 18:4,13,19; 19:1,2; 21:5,7,11,14,15,23,25

2 Kings 9:2,3,7,10,13,22,30,37

Calls:

Present Participle: Expresses continuous/repeated action

Active:

Prophetess: As speaking and acting (ostensibly) from a divine influence

By Her Teaching: To tutor, direct, advise, put in mind

Present Infinitive:

Active:

Misleads: To seduce to idolatry

Present Infinitive:

Middle:

Servants: Worshipers of God

Into Sexual Immorality: Symbolism for idolatry, the relationship existing between God and His church being exemplified by the conjugal union) which is broken by those who worship idols

Aorist Infinitive:

Active:

Eating:

Aorist Infinitive:

Active:

Sacrificed: Whatever is sacrificed or offered to an idol such as flesh or heathen sacrifices

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Gave: To give, grant

Aorist Indicative:

Active:

Time:

Repent: To repent and turn to God from idolatry

Aorist Subjunctive:

Active:

Immorality: Symbolically it stands for idolatry, the forsaking of the true God in order to worship idols. Since God is said to be married to His church through Christ then any idolatry is unfaithfulness toward God equal to sexual unfaithfulness

to one's marriage partner

Unwilling: Did not repent

Aorist Indicative:

Active:

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Cast: To cast off or bring

Present Indicative:

Active:

Bed of Suffering: Sickness

Commit Adultery: To commit adultery

Suffer Intensely: Distress

Unless:

Repent: Same as 2:21

Aorist Subjunctive:

Active:

Ways: Of works of evil

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Will Strike: Put to death

Future:

Searches: Search into, investigate, explore

Present Participle:

Active:

Hearts:

Minds:

Repay: Spoken of evil or punishment divinely inflicted

According:

Deeds: Same as 2:22

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Hold: To have firmly in mind, to hold fast

Present Indicative:

Active:

Teaching: The teaching of someone

Learned:

Aorist Indicative:

Active:

So-Called Deep Secrets: Profoundness

Impose: To put upon, impose

Future:

Burden: Precepts which are burdensome to observe

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Hold On To: Hold fast in mind, observe

Aorist Imperative:

Active:

What You Have: To have firmly in mind, hold fast

Present Indicative:

Active:

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Overcomes: Conquer, subdue

Present Participle:

Active:

Does: Obey, observe, keep

Present Participle:

Active:

Will: The works which God requires

Give: Same as 2:23

Future:

Authority Over:

Nations:

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Rule: To rule and govern with severity

Future:

Iron Scepter: A scepter, staff or wand of office

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Give: same as 2:23

Future:

Morning Star: Early morning

Figuratively those who have received for themselves light from the Sun of

Righteousness wrought by their example both in purity of doctrine and in integrity of life to give light to others

Who Has An Ear: To hear, understand and do
Aorist Imperative:
Active: