

## **The Church of Thyatira**

(Revelation 2:18-25)

- Historical context of Thyatira
- Jesus' description of Himself (v. 18)
  - Son of God
  - Eyes like flame of fire
  - Feet like fine brass
- Commendation (v. 19)
  - Works, love, service, faith, patience
  - Increasing in good works
- Rebuke (vv. 20-23)
  - Tolerance of "Jezebel"
    - False prophetess
    - Teaching immorality and idolatry
  - God's judgment on Jezebel and her followers
- Message to the faithful remnant (vv. 24-25)
  - No other burden
  - Hold fast until Christ's return
- Promises to overcomers (vv. 26-28)
  - Authority over nations
  - The morning star
- Call to hear the Spirit (v. 29)
- Spiritual lessons
  - Danger of compromise and false teaching
  - Importance of discernment
  - God's patience and call to repentance
  - Reward for faithfulness
- Historical parallel to the Medieval Church
- Application for modern believers

## **Discussion Questions**

How might the description of Jesus with 'eyes like a flame of fire' and 'feet like fine brass' shape our understanding of His character and authority?

In what ways can modern churches fall into the trap of tolerating false teaching or compromising with worldly values, similar to the church in Thyatira?

How do we balance showing love and tolerance with maintaining doctrinal purity and confronting error in our faith communities?

What lessons can we learn from the figure of Jezebel about the dangers of false prophecy and spiritual manipulation within the church?

How might the promise of 'power over the nations' to those who overcome encourage believers facing persecution or challenges today?

In what ways can Christians discern between genuinely 'deep things of God' and deceptive 'depths of Satan' in their spiritual journey?

How does the image of Christ as the 'morning star' offer hope and guidance to believers navigating difficult times?

What does it mean practically for modern believers to 'hold fast what you have till I come' in the face of cultural pressures and temptations?

How can we ensure our 'last works are more than the first' in our spiritual growth and service to God?

In what ways might God be calling us to 'repent' or change direction in our personal lives or church communities today?