

THYATIRA

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Primary Text

Revelation 2:18-28

SUMMARY

The church at Thyatira was entrenched in the works of evil, not only tolerating the prophet Jezebel, but joining in the immorality and idolatry. This letter reminds us that our works on earth do matter, because they reveal where our true affections lie. It is certain that Jezebel and her lovers will be destroyed, but for those who love and follow Jesus, there is a promise of hope - we will reign with Him.

HEAD

1. What do we learn about the character of Jesus in his introduction to the church? (2:18)
2. Why does submission to King Jesus in all of life matter? (v 20, 26-27)
3. What is it that should drive our works?
4. What does Jezebel and her lovers ultimately receive? What does Jesus' lovers receive?

HEART

1. In light of the truth found in verse 18, how could we feel toward Jesus?
2. What kind of emotions stir in you with the truth that Jesus demands devotion and our works prepare us for a greater work? What emotion stirs in us with the truth that we will be held accountable? How should we respond when we are confronted with our own sin and the sins of others?
3. What affections drive our works?
4. In what ways should followers of Jesus feel about _____ ?

HANDS

1. In light of the truth Jesus is divine; he sees all and the feeling that we fear and awe him because we are fully known, what do we need to do? What response does Jesus enable us to have toward unbelief and sin?
2. Based on the truths that Jesus demands devotion, a greater work awaits, we will be held accountable for our works and our works reveal our true affections, we are compelled to feel gratitude, awe and affection within our responsibility. What action do we need to take today?
3. In light of the truth that affection drive our works, what are some ways you can cultivate godly affections in your life?
4. Jesus makes his claim that Jezebel leads to death but He leads to life. What do we need to do to stoke the fires of our hearts towards ultimate loyalty to Him?