

Eyes on the King: Churches of Thyatira/ Sardis

Sermon: Eyes on the King

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Rise up and Wake Up

Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. **Revelation 2:20**

Jezebel - the most wicked queen found in scripture; a false prophet, and false worldview
-We can be seduced by the same spirit of jezebel and her teaching and find ourselves adopting it into our worldview.

It's not popular to be someone who agrees with God

"Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute?"
Acts 7:52

False prophets SEDUCE in order to REDUCE

Reduce Your:

View of God
Value of God
Faith in God
Worship of God
Loyalty to God
Service to God

The average person spends 11 hours/day in front of digital false prophets

Goals of social media?

Social Dilemma Quotes:

"How much of your life can we get you to give us"

"The very meaning of culture is manipulation."

"Social Media is a marketplace that trades in human futures"

Jezebel had to kill the prophetic voice of God through murder
Today Jezebel kills the prophetic voice of God through media

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **2 Timothy 4:3**

The desire today is to find someone who will tickle my ears - tell me what I want to hear

Not everyone who is for you is good for you

Prayer for our church

*Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are **turning their hearts back again.**" Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice.* **1 Kings 18:37,38**

When that fire fell there was revival - even in King Ahab

We need a Generation of Elijah's willing to say 'Holy Spirit fall on me I'm okay being God's prophet today even if it means being unpopular'

To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Revelation 3:1

This church had a reputation of being the 'it' church, hosted all the conferences, was invited to all the platforms, but they became a reflection of the culture instead of the Kingdom of God, but in the eyes of Jesus this was...
The church of the walking dead - a zombie church

Wake up! **Revelation 3:2**

We have fallen asleep because Culture has been the lullaby to our soul

You need a move of my Holy Spirit

- this doesn't happen because we DO more
- It comes through a spiritual awakening

QUESTIONS:

1-We may not think we are following any false prophets, but are we possibly embracing a cultural worldview/philosophy that does not align with God? False prophecy today doesn't always come as a person, but more often today it comes as a platform. What false prophets do you see today?

2-The Social Dilemma is a commentary on the impact of media on our lives. What impact have you seen media make on this world? In your life? Have you made any changes to how you interact with the media/social media?

3-Who's carrying the mantel of the prophet Elijah today? Who's giving the Elijah message now? (Truth, even if unpopular)

4-Is there an area of life that you've maybe fallen asleep? How has culture been a lullaby to your soul?

Pray: God we lay down our reputations. May we be a 'rise up' generation. We pray that we would be a beacon to our culture and the world around us. May we carry Your identity and character in such a way that people would turn and bend a knee to Jesus Christ. May we live in a posture of surrender and anticipation. We pray that our hearts would come alive and be awakened! As we listen to Your spirit may our lifestyle be the kindling for the fire of God. And may that fire fall on us, redeem us, and refine us. We choose to stand for You as a light for Your glory.

Did you make a decision today? Have you gotten caught up and are hearing His call to come back? Do you want to receive the mantel of Elijah today?