



In the Mirror

Dear Smyrna... You're Rich in Poverty,  
Free in Prison, and Alive in Death

Revelation 2:8-11

*Jesus' words of commendation, caution, and consequences*

# Revelation 2:8-11

- <sup>8</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.
- <sup>9</sup> “ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

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- <sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- <sup>11</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

# The City of Smyrna



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# I. The Commendation (v. 9)

- A. They had faithfully persevered through hardship and persecution.
- B. They had stored up their treasures in heaven.

## II. The Caution (v. 10a-b)

- A. You are about to undergo more momentary afflictions (i.e., your faith IS going to be tested).
- B. Death is a possibility.
- C. The real enemy is the devil. (Ephesians 6:12)
- D. BE FAITHFUL no matter what.

# III. The Consequences (v. 10c-11)

## A. Positive Consequences

1. If you are faithful, you will receive the crown of life.
2. If you conquer the enemy with faith, you will not be hurt by the second death.

## B. Negative Consequences

1. If you are not faithful, the crown of life will not be yours.
2. If you surrender to the enemy, then you will suffer with the enemy.