

# Dear Thyatira... You're the Inverse of Ephesus, Lovingly Faithful yet Naively Tolerant

Revelation 2:18-29

Jesus' words of commendation, correction, and consequences

### Revelation 2:18-29

- <sup>18</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.
- <sup>19</sup> "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.
- <sup>20</sup> But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

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- <sup>21</sup> I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.
- <sup>22</sup> Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,
- <sup>23</sup> and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.
- <sup>24</sup> But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.

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- <sup>25</sup> Only hold fast what you have until I come.
- <sup>26</sup> The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,
- <sup>27</sup> and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.
- <sup>28</sup> And I will give him the morning star.
- <sup>29</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

# The City of Thyatira



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### I. The Commendation (v. 19)

- A. Loving
- B. Faithful
- C. Servant hearted
- D. Patiently steadfast

### II. The Correction (v. 20-21)

- A. Stop tolerating the "prophetess" who teaches unbiblical things and commits ungodly practices.
- B. Encourage all who do such things to repent.

## III. The Consequences (v. 22-28)

- A. Negative Consequences:
  - 1. Possible sickness
  - 2. Possible tribulation
  - 3. Possibly even death
- B. Positive Consequences
  - 1. No extra burdens
  - 2. Shared authority and victory with Jesus
  - 3. The morning star, Jesus Christ, as the ultimate treasure and reward

