

Message Three

Rev. 2:18-29

- 18 And to the messenger of the church in Thyatira write: These things says the Son of God, He who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like shining bronze:
- 19 I know your works and love and faith and service and your endurance and that your last works are more than the first.
- 20 But I have something against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, she who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and leads My slaves astray to commit fornication and to eat idol sacrifices.
- 21 And I gave her time that she might repent, and she is not willing to repent of her fornication.
- 22 Behold, I cast her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her, into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works;
- 23 And her children I will kill with death; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the inward parts and the hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your works.
- 24 But I say to you—the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they say—I put no other burden upon you;
- 25 Nevertheless what you have hold fast until I come.
- 26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;
- 27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;
- 28 And to him I will give the morning star.
- 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

III. The Church in Thyatira—Rev. 2:18-29:

- A. “Thyatira”:
1. From the latter part of the sixth century to the end of this age.
 2. The first of the last four ‘remaining’ churches.
 3. Continuing and deepening the degraded condition of the church in Pergamos.
- B. The Lord’s name:
1. The “Son of God.”
 2. His eyes and feet.
- C. The condition of the church:
1. Works, love, faith, service, and endurance—some people with some reality.
 2. Something against the church in Thyatira:
 - a. Tolerating “the woman Jezebel,” with her teaching and leading astray.
 - b. The crafty, Old Testament Jezebel—teaching, fornication, and idolatry:
 - (1) The ‘christianizing’ of gentile gods.
 - (2) A woman teaching; ‘the church says’—cf. Matt. 13:33.
 - (3) The subtle undermining and lowering-down of the Word of God.
 - (4) Not willing to repent and being cast into a bed.
 - (5) Her affliction under Antichrist.
 - c. “The rest in Thyatira—cf. Rev. 18:4:
 - (1) Not having this teaching.
 - (2) Not knowing the deep things of Satan, which are hidden under a good appearance.
- D. The promise to the overcomers and the call to those with an ear:
1. Overcoming Jezebel and keeping the Lord’s “works” (past and present) “until the end.”
 2. Reigning and receiving “the morning star.”
- E. Measuring the church in Thyatira.