

E. THE MESSAGE TO THYATIRA

(The Compromising or Permissive Church)

Introduction: Compromise will destroy a church and we live in a world where people seek their own interests at any cost. This is what the members of the church at Thyatira were doing.

I. THE RECIPIENTS (v18)

1. To the pastor:
2. To the church: located in a frontier town; known for its unions, both social and business.

II. THE SPEAKER (v18)

1. Christ, the Son of God (1 Jn. 2:15-16).
2. Christ, with eyes like a flame of fire (Lk. 12:2; Jere. 16:17).
3. Christ, with feet like brass.

III. THE COMMENDATION (v19)

1. There were works of love and service.
2. There were works of faith and patient endurance.
3. There was growth in the ministries of the church.

IV. THE COMPLAINT (v20-21)

1. The church was allowing a false prophetess to teach.
 2. The church was allowing false teaching, seduction, fornication, and idolatry by some of its members.
 - a. Jezebel, a false teacher was actually teaching in the church.
 - b. Jezebel was being allowed to deceive and mislead the members.
 - c. Jezebel was being allowed to lead members to commit fornication and other immoral acts.
 - d. Jezebel was being allowed to lead members to commit idolatry.
- (1 Cor. 10:14-11:1; 1 Jn. 2:15-16; 2 Cor. 6:17-18)

V. THE WARNING (v22-23)

1. Jezebel was to become sick (Gal. 6:7-8).
2. Those who followed her were to suffer great distress.
3. Death was coming to all her "children." (1 Cor. 11:30)
4. Yet, there was still time to repent (Acts 3:19; 8:22).
5. Christ will judge every church member that compromises with the world and corrupts His church (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12).

VI. THE COUNSEL (v24-25)

1. Christ would not add anything else to them.
2. They were to hold fast (Heb. 10:23; 1 Jn. 2:6).

VII. THE PROMISE (v26-29)

1. The overcomer will rule and reign with Christ.
2. The overcomer will never be separated from Christ.
(1 Cor. 6:2; Rev. 3:21; 2 Tim. 2:12)

CONCLUSION:

1. Let the believer listen to the Holy Spirit and obey Him.
2. Let the believer separate him/herself from the world.
3. Let the believer never allow false teachings in his/her church.