

D. THE MESSAGE TO PERGAMOS:

(The Corrupted Church that is married to the world)

INTRODUCTION: Worldliness corrupts a church.

- By involvement in worldly functions.
- By allowing worldly activities within the church and homes.
- By accepting as members people who are not separated from the world.
- By allowing false teaching and preaching.

1. The Recipients: (12)

- a. The Pastor: He is responsible for the church welfare.
- b. The Church: In a beautiful city; the center of culture and religions; the Capital and administrative center.

2. The Speaker: (12) Jesus, Himself

- a. The Sword is His Word. 2 Thes. 2:8; Heb. 4:12
- b. The Sword is Power and Judgment.

3. The Commendation: (13)

- a. They were loyal to Christ's name. Mt. 10:32-33; 1 Jn. 2:22-23.
- b. They were pure in Christian Doctrine. 2 Tim. 4:1-2.
- c. They were standing fast amid persecution. Mt. 10:17-18; Jn. 15:20.

4. The Complaint: (14-15)

- a. They were guilty of allowing the doctrine of Balaam into the church.
2 Cor. 6:14-18
- b. They were guilty of following the teaching of the Nicolaitians.

5. The Counsel: (16)

- Repent! Acts 3:19; Isa. 55:7

6. The Warning: (16)

- God will oppose those who become worldly. Heb. 2:3; 2 Pet. 3:17.

7. The Promise: (17)

- a. The overcomer will eat of the food of heaven. Jn. 6:32-33, 58.
- b. The overcomer will be given a white stone with a new name.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Worldliness will not be tolerated within God's Church.
- 2. God will punish the Church that allows worldliness.
- 3. The faithful will be rewarded.