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The Judgment of Christ *Criticism, Correction, and Condemnation of the Church in Thyatira*

Revelation 2:18-29

Introduction

Revelation 2:18 "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.'"

- ❖ The introduction to the church of Thyatira confirms Jesus' power to address what He sees and destroy what is not right.

Revelation 2:23 "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."

Psalm 2:7,9 "I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to Me, 'You are My Son; today I have begotten You... You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

Commendation

Revelation 2:19 "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first."

- ❖ The commendation of the church of Thyatira describes Jesus' knowledge of their dedication and emphasizes the improvement in their love and actions.

Philippians 1:9-11 "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

↳ The call for every Christian is to grow in the love of God, to approve the excellent, and be filled with the fruit of righteousness!

Correction

Revelation 2:20-21 "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. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality."

- ❖ The correction of the church of Thyatira reveals the seriousness of their tolerance of sin, their false teaching, and idolatry within the church.

- ◆ A Prophetess symbolically called Jezebel.

1 Kings 16:30-33 "And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him."

1 Kings 18:4 “and when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.”

1 Kings 18:19 “Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.”

2 Kings 9:22 | “And when Joram saw Jehu, he said, ‘Is it peace, Jehu?’ He answered, ‘What peace can there be, so long as the whorings and the sorceries of your mother Jezebel are so many?’”

📖 1 Kings 21:20-26

- ♦ Sexual immorality that led to adultery.
- ♦ Food sacrificed to idols.

Revelation 2:22-23 “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, ²³and 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.”

❖ The correction includes not only the sins of the church but also the consequences.

- ♦ Jesus' judgment of His church |
 - ...never comes without His mercy.
 - ...affects our children.
 - ...serves as an example to others.
 - ...is a consequence of our actions.

Galatians 6:7-8 “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

Instruction

Revelation 2:24-25 “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. ²⁵Only hold fast what you have until I come.”

❖ The instruction for the church of Thyatira encourages Jesus' remanent to persevere in **faith**.

Isaiah 55:6-7 “Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

James 4:6-8 “But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Reward

Revelation 2:26-29 “The one who conquers and who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷and 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. ²⁸And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Endnotes:

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