Revelation 2.18-29 – **Church in Thyatira:**

**HOLD FAST in the midst of the seduction of this world!!**

**18** And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

**19** I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

**20** Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

**21** And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

**22** Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

**23** And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

**24** But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

**25** But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

**26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

**27** And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

**28** And I will give him the morning star.

**29** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Subject Sentence: Jesus wants us to rule and reign with Him and the trying of our faith will show Him who can OVERCOME opposition to do this and HOLD FAST in the midst of the seduction of this world.

Aim: This passage would cause me to STAND in HIS strength and to be tried by FIRE to STAND AGAINST those that oppose the Truth to draw others away and HOLD FAST TIL HE COMES!

I. Jesus – eyes like a *flame of fire* (1 Cor 3.13 – *Every man’s work shall be made manifest ... revealed by fire ... and the fire shall try every man’s work to see what sort it is*; 1 Peter 1.7 – *trial of your faith more precious than gold though tried by fire*).

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Application Question:

1. Jesus, with your eyes as a flame of fire and feet as burnished brass – as You look into my eyes and reveal my works – what sort are they? My faith is tried, showing it is more precious than gold: am I adding to it all in 2 Peter 1.5-11 to make my calling and election SURE.

\*2 Peter 1.5-11 – *Give all diligence to add to faith virtue and to virtue knowledge and to knowledge temperance and to temperance patience and to patience godliness and to godliness brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness charity...* v 10 – *give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things ye shall NEVER FAIL (FALL)...*

2. Do I see His feet STAND as burnished brass – what do **I** need to STAND STRONG in/by His power?

II. I know your works and charity and service and faith and patience and thy works – and the last to be more than the first – you’re ***growing***!!!

19. I know thy works, and charity (*agape*), and service (*diakonia*), and faith (*pistis*), and thy patience (*cheerful endurance*), and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

Application Questions:

 1. Am I growing spiritually?

 2. When He sees me, does Jesus see my works and charity and service and faith and patience and my works – that the last are greater than the first?

3. What steps do I need to keep/put in place to make sure I keep GROWING?

III. Notwithstanding I have a few things against you because you ALLOW (let it be, permit, leave alone) Jezebel (false teacher who calls herself a prophetess) to teach – to seduce My servants to commit fornication (#4200 *idolatry –* cause to go out of the way) and to eat things sacrificed to idols, and I gave her space to repent and she didn’t.

20. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest (#1439 ***eao*** allow, let it be, permit, leave alone) that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Application Questions:

1. Do I permit/leave alone/let be any seductive, alluring false doctrines that need to be destroyed before they cause Christ’s servants to commit idolatry?
2. What do I need to speak up against and EXPOSE rather than allowing it to dwell and present itself as “good”?

IV. Behold! I’ll cast her into a bed and those that committed adultery with her into great tribulation ***except they repent of their deeds.***

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23. And I will *kill her children with death*; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Application Question:

1. Do I see – really SEE --- the end of such idolatry as AGAINST the Lord Himself – and how it leads into GREAT TRIBULATION unless repented of?

IV. But to you and the rest in Thyratira who haven’t this doctrine and haven’t known the depths of Satan as they speak – I’ll put none other burden on you but that which you have – ***hold fast til I come!***

24. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

Application Question:

1. Have I HELD FAST what I have and NOT ACCEPTED this false doctrine nor known the depths of Satan himself working through it?

V. He that overcomes and keeps My Word til the end I’ll give: power over the nations. He’ll rule them with a rod of iron – as a potter’s vessel they’ll be broken to shivers as I received of My Father. I’ll give him the morning star. (Revelation 22.16 -- *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.* ***I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star****.*)

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Application Questions:

1. How am I an OVERCOMER to keep His Word til the end?
2. Is HIS Word THE Word to me? How do I SHOW that forth in my life? To Him? To the world?
3. If Christ is looking for those to rule with Him over NATIONS, why would that be ME if I can’t stand STRONG and against ALL THAT OPPOSES HIM now?
4. Do I do ANYTHING IT TAKES to receive the reward of HIM – the MORNING STAR? Do I keep my eyes on HIM – knowing He is WORTH IT ALL?