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**LETTERS**  
**FROM** **GOD**

**The Corrupt Church Revelation 2:18-29**  
**“Moving from Corruption to Correction”**

# Modern Day Country of Turkey



Patmos

Thyatira

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# Thyatira

- A flourishing commercial center located on the main north-south road.
- Known for its guilds (unions) with production of wools and dyed goods, slave dealers and bronze smiths.
- Lydia probably first convert. Acts 16:14
- To run a business or hold a job, they needed to join a guild. Each guild had its own patron deity with feasts held in its honor.
- Christians were faced with a dilemma: worship at the feast or lose your job.

**Remember, Christ will examine and evaluate all our deeds, both good and bad**

***“The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this” vs. 18***

- Eyes express some anger at this church.***
- His feet reflect judgment over their sin.***



**Don't let your good works  
blind you to the bad in your  
life. Vs. 18, 19**

*'I know your deeds, and your love and faith  
and service and perseverance, and that your  
deeds of late are greater than at first.*



**Be alert to any toleration of sinful behavior because it will lead you astray. vs. 20**

*'But I have this against you, that you **tolerate** the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants **astray**...*

**Tolerate:** to set free, let alone.

**Astray:** planao, to wander off in the wrong orbit.



**Do not tolerate:**

Teaching false doctrine

Permitting immoral behavior.



# 1 Kings 22:7, 8 King Ahab

7 But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here that we may inquire of him?” 8 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, **but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.** He is Micaiah son of Imlah.” But Jehoshaphat said, “Let not the king say so.”



13 Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, “Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and **speak favorably.**”

14 **But Micaiah said, “As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak.”**



# I Kings 22:19-22

Micaiah said, “Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

“The LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said this while another said that. “Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, ‘I will entice him.’ “The LORD said to him, ‘How?’ And he said, ‘I will go out and be **a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.**’

Then He said, ‘You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so.’



# Christ will bring about justice to all who sin. Vs. 21-23

Qualities of Jesus' justice include:

- He is patient and waits for repentance. Vs. 21 "I gave her time to repent"
- If we do not repent, He will bring judgment and discipline. Vs. 21, 22 "and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds."



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Qualities of Jesus' justice include:

- **The consequences of sin will impact other people and generations.** Vs. 23 'And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts;
- **His judgment will be fair based on His evaluation of our deeds** vs. 23 "and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds."



# Romans 2:12

For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;



# **Pursue holiness by holding fast to Christ and His Word. vs. 24, 25**

*'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.*

*Nevertheless what you have, **hold fast until I come.***



# Christ will give all who repent a great reward. Vs. 26-29

26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **to him I will give authority over the nations;**

27 and **he shall rule them** with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.



# Matthew 19:28 Disciples

And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel



# **I Corinthians 11:27-32**

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.



# **I Corinthians 11:27-32**

For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.



- Christ has “eyes like a flame of fire,” What would He see in you?
- Are there good qualities in your life that have blinded you to some bad areas?
- Is there any sinfulness or deception that you are tolerating?
- Are there sins for which you should repent right now? What are they?
- Who should you pray for now that they would repent?
- Pray for strength to “hold fast” until Jesus returns.

