

Series: You Got Mail (6/2/19)

Title: The Compromising Church: Thyatira

Text: (Rev 2:18-29)

Jesus dictates 7 letters to the 7 churches in Asia Minor
Jesus dictates them to John, who copied them & sends
them with the 7 pastors to the 7 churches.

Asia Minor is today Western Turkey.

These were not the only 7 churches in that region.

Some believe these 7 churches depict different era's
of the what is referred to as the Church Age.

Thyatira Typifies The Dark Ages (500AD - 1500AD)

The Marriage of the church & the state @ Pergamos.

That which began @ FBC Pergamos comes to fruition
in FBC Thyatira.

I believe that these 7 churches were chosen as
Representatives of all churches throughout the last
2000yrs.

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

7 is God's number of perfection/completion.

Ephesus: The Backslidden Church.

Commended for Good Works, Patience, Sound
Doctrine, Church discipline, Steadfastness, & Hatred
of Evil.

Condemned for having left its 1st love.

Counseled to Repent:

Promised Special Manna for overcoming spiritual
indifference.

Smyrna:

Commended: Spiritual Endurance/Heavenly Treasures
No Condemnation: Not 1 word Correction/Blameless
Promised a Crown of Life for Faithfulness.

Every church involved in Soul Winning, Preaching
the Gospel, Discipling, Faithful to His Word, Calling
out sin: can expect persecution.

*(2 Tim 3:12) Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ
Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

*But if we Know Nothing, Do Nothing, Say Nothing,
Have Nothing, We Will Be Nothing, But will have No
Persecution.*

Pergamos:

A Church under Government Favor.
Slow Merging of Church and State.

There is something wrong with churches that have the commendation of the World.

(Lk 6:26) *Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.*

Thyatira is pictured by the Parable of the Leaven.

(Matt 13:33)

(1 Cor 5:6) *Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?*

I. Jesus Characterizes Himself specifically to the Church of Thyatira:

(Rev 2:18) *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,*

The Omniscient Gaze of God who sees all.

and his feet are like fine brass;

Brass speaks of Judgement.

(Rev 19:15) *& out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations & he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

God Sees your Sin & God will Judge your sin.

We forget that He sees our actions, but His Gaze Pierces our heart & Soul.

He sees our Attitudes, our Intentions, & Bitter spirit. What is it that you think you are hiding from God?

Illus: Don't you just hate Tattle tails?

Children are God's little spies.

They see, they hear, they remind us.

Truthfully, No One is Tattling on You to God.

I don't waste my prayer time Tattling on you to God.

God Sees ALL.

(1 Chron 28:9) *And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.*

God Sees our sin & God will judge our sin!

II. Jesus Commends the Church of Thyatira:

(Rev 2:19) *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.*

Commended for Charity, Service, Faith, & Patience. This is a working Church.

and the last to be more than the first.

And they had beefed up their efforts as of late.

III. Jesus Condemns the Church of Thyatira:

(Rev 2:20-23) *Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou "sufferest"*

(They were Allowing this)

that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to “seduce”

(To Mislead, teach false doctrine)

my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

The Problem with Heresy is that there is enough truth to them to make them believable.

What is more dangerous?

A Clock 5 Min wrong or clock 5 hours wrong.

If you see a clock 5 hours wrong, you will recognize that it is wrong.

5 Min wrong, you could miss a plane, or meeting, etc. All the cults have a little bit of truth.

No one names their daughter Jezebel on purpose.

The OT Jezebel was Extremely wicked. (1 Ki 21-25)

This Woman is Called Jezebel by God b/c she is typical of the OT Jezebel.

She set the Altar of Baal next to the Altar of Jehovah and tried to have both accepted.

OT Jezebel tried to mix the Worship of Jehovah & the Worship of Satan & make them both acceptable.

She should not have been in leadership.
which calleth herself a prophetess,

(1 Tim 2:12) *But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.*

(vs 20) *to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.*

She was leading others astray from the Truth.

She should have been called out for it, but wasn't.

She was mixing the teachings of the World with the Truth of God & called it Acceptable

(Mouse Poison Pictures)

Mouse Poison is only 1/2 of 1% is Poison.

That's all it takes.

She is Mixing God's Truth with the World's Sin.
Spiritual Fornication.

(2 Pet 2:1) *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

(Jude 1:4) *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(James 4:4) *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

Illus: A young man makes a promise to a young girl of marriage. He sets off to build a house for her. When he finishes he comes back to her home and looks in the window and sees her holding hands and necking with someone else?

(Jn 14:1-3) Jesus is at the Father's house preparing a house for me.

I don't want Jesus to return and find us fornicating with the things of this world.

I don't want Jesus to come for me & find me with Porn in my search history, tobacco on my breath, or smelling like liquor.

I don't want Jesus to return & find Unforgiveness, Bitterness, Anger, Malice, & a Stinking Attitude in my heart either.

(2 Cor 6:17) *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,* Jezebel's of today don't like this kind of preaching anymore than the Jezebel of the OT.

I can serve God and live anyway I want.
NO, You Can't, Who Said? God Said SO!

Your Judging.

If you love Flowers, you have to hate weeds.

We have to preach the truth.

We have to stand for whats Right, & Fight whats wrong.

This woman Also typified the OT Jezebel in her wickedness, and her station in society.

She was a Prominent Lady from a Prominent Family. She probably had an outstanding personality.

(Gal 6:3-6) *For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden. 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.*

She thought she was should be able to live like she wants and it shouldn't matter.

Maybe you are not dabbling in the worlds active sins like drugs, alcohol, porn, etc.

(Gal 5:19-21) *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft,*

But you are holding on to...

hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: = holding a Grudge.

You have a list of everyone else's sins & you cannot bring yourself to Forgive, Forget, & Love others.

You are holding all this as an Idol.

You are Spiritually Fornicating.

You are poisoning your soul, and the church with it.

You like the way your Malice makes you feel.

Your in SIN!

IN FACT: (Vs 25) refers this as *the depths of Satan,* You are up to your neck in the service of Satan, even though you are a child of God.

You serve, but what Fruit have you born?

You haven't won anyone to Christ.

You haven't disciplined a single person to the place of service.

“Well, I'm Faithful to church

You are poison and people avoid you.

Maybe you like that. - **That's sin TOO.**

(Rom 12:9-10) *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

21 And “I gave” (That Is God's Grace)
her “space to repent” of her fornication; and she repented not.

Space = (The Longsuffering of God)

God is Long suffering.

But He will not Wait forever!

Their is a Time limit on His Longsuffering.

If God is talking to you about your sin, repent NOW!
God is not going to wait forever for you to Repent.
Don't Be fooled because you are not experiencing trouble yet!

God Sees & God Will Judge

(Num 32:23)

Don't be Fooled!

God is being Longsuffering.

God is going to take the initiative to get your attention

(Prov 6:27-28) *Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? 28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?*

God promised Judgement for the Jezebel's in the Church:

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;

SOUNDS DARK DOESN'T IT

(1 Cor 3:17) *If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

Our God is a Holy God!

Our God is a Consuming Fire!

The Consequences of Sin is Inevitable, Unavoidable, Up to God

Jezebel was Poisoning the Church

(Prov 6:16-19) *These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

God is not Going to Let this GO!

(Vs 22) *"I will cast her into a bed,"*

God's gonna put her flat on your back!

God's gonna put you flat on your back!

Please repent. I can't stop God's Judgement against you, anymore that I can stop the Sun rising tomorrow.

The Consequences of OUR Sins are Inevitable, Unavoidable, Up to God

(Vs 22) *and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*

Some of you have allowed a someone with a Jezebel spirit corrupt your love for some people.

God is calling you to Repent of that attitude.

Repent of your unforgiveness & Bitterness.

Other wise, God is going to let trouble find you.

Some of you have let the example of a NT Jezebel corrupt your lifestyle with worldly thinking & sinful living.

You think you can Live anyway you want & God will accept it as long as you come to church some.

You Cannot Sin & Win

What Does that Look Like? (1 Cor 5:1-5)

God's Gonna let Satan Have playtime with you!

God is calling you to Repent of that Sin.

Repent of the sin you allow to permeate your life.

Other wise, it is going to be another day in Satan's Playhouse.

You Cannot Sin & Win

SO What's It Gonna be?

Jezebel or Jesus?

(Vs 23) *And I will kill her children with death;*

God will make you fruitless.

Your children will have no witness.

Your children will turn their heart from you & from God.

You Cannot Sin & Win

You Cannot Be Bullheaded with God & your kids not pay for it!

SO What's It Gonna be?

Jezebel or Jesus?

If we don't learn from their example, God will Judge FBCK as a Testimony to Other Churches:

(Vs 23) *and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins (Innermost Thoughts,) and hearts(Imaginations, Intentions):*

and I will give unto every one of you "according to your works."

(Gal 6:6-8)

Reap What you Sow,
More than you Sow,
Later than you Sow.

Maybe you thought you could Sow your wild oats and pray for Crop Failure!

IT WILL BE PAYDAY SOMEDAY.

THE CHICKENS WILL COME TO ROOST!

Just cause that bill hasn't arrived does not mean you are going to get off with a free be!

IV. Jesus Councils the Church of Thyatira:

(Rev 2:24-25) *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;*

Not everybody was like this in Thyatira.
Just because Someone Else,

Who has been saved longer than you,

In church longer than you,

Is from a More prominent Family than you

Is living in the Depth's of Satan,

DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TOO.

The whole church would suffer for this,

But God Sees, & God remembers your Faithfulness.

I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast...Keep doing right!

(1 Cor 15:58) *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

“till I come.”

Here is the 1st Mention of the Return of Jesus.

V. Jesus Challenges the Church of Thyatira:
(Rev 2:26-29) *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end,*

No Matter What Other People do or are doing,
DO RIGHT!
Be Faithful!
Don't Quit!
Don't give in to the temptation to be popular.

Christ's Promised Eternal Reward for the Faithful
(Vs 26) *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.*

WE Will rule and Reign with Christ.

(2 Tim 2:12) *If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:*

We will have proven that we have chosen HIM over our petty sins.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

All will know Its Jesus in you.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - The challenge is to us.

SO What's It Gonna be?

Jezebel or Jesus?

Our Sin or Holy Living?

Unconditional Love for Others, or hatred?

God's Blessing, or Playtime with Satan?

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