

Serving Well but Ignoring Jezebel

Revelation 2:18-29

Background to the City of Thyatira:

Lydia was from Thyatira – Acts 16:14

The **description of Christ** in verse eighteen: **Judging Lord**.

Three characteristics

- ⇒ Son of God = authority
- ⇒ Eyes like a flame of fire (19:12) = omniscient
- ⇒ Feet are like burnished bronze (19:15) = judgment
2 Corinthians 5:10

The commendation from Jesus...

1. Growing in character and service to the Lord. 19

The warning from Jesus...

2. Tolerating false teaching and immoral living. 20-23

- a. The problem = A heretic and heresy. 20
 - i. Self-proclaimed prophetess Jezebel (1 Kings 16)
 - ii. Teaches and leads astray (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)
 - 1. Sexual immorality = sin
 - 2. Food sacrificed to idols = compromise
- b. The opportunity to repent was resisted. 21
- c. Warning of the judgment that was coming. 22-23
 - i. Thrown on bed of sickness.
 - ii. Great tribulation – unless they repent.
 - iii. Kill her children with pestilence.

The encouragement from Jesus...

3. Maintaining the faith until His return. 24-25

- a. Remain faithful to the Lord. 24
- b. Persevere until He returns. 25

The **promise of Christ** in verses 26-29: **Eschatological Reality**.

- ⇒ Authority over the nations = Psalm 2:7-9
- ⇒ Given the morning star = Jesus (22:16)