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We are on to looking at our fourth church in this overcomer's series and just like the Ephesian and Pergamum churches, there are amazing promises for the church at Thyatira who overcome, while there are also very strong consequences for those who don't repent of their ways.

I want to stress at this point and remind us, we are talking about the church. We are NOT talking non followers. These letters from Jesus Himself were and are for God's people, you and I, the body of Christ.

Revelation 2:18-29 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. 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 so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, 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. And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 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. He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; 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; and I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Once again the pattern of Christ is to always start with the aspects of our lives where we are living out lives of righteousness, before He addresses the areas of our lives we need to repent of, and we see this again in verse 19.

Jesus then addresses the aspects of the church of Thyatira that need addressing, so let's unpack these before we look at the promises for the overcomer.

But I have this against you...

You tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess

The damaging results of tolerating and receiving the teaching of this demonic liberalistic spirit is that God's, yes God's, bondservants are led astray, committing acts of immorality and eating things sacrificed to idols.



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Jesus is warning all of His people who commit acts of adultery with her that they will be thrown into great tribulation if they don't turn from doing the deeds of this Jezebelic spirit. This is very serious and can not be overlooked or underestimated by us.

Jesus follows this up with ***“all the churches will know that I am He who searches the hearts and minds, and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.”***

Committing acts of adultery is both physical and spiritual. This Jezebel spirit lures us into having other lovers in our hearts, breaking the covenant we have with God, and has us creating and defining our own version of His truth. Its subtleness of deception is extremely alluring and enticing and has us becoming the god of our own lives, not coming under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, but defining self-lordship.

We will reap what we sow and God is making this abundantly clear to this church, and us as His church today. He will give to us individually the consequences of our deeds, both good and bad. This isn't a “God loves me so I can behave anyway I like and get away with it, without any consequences” situation.

This is why the consequences for this woman Jezebel, which is both a physical and spiritual type, are so serious. God wants us to grasp the magnitude of how serious this is for us.

It is from here that we see the narrative change and change in the direction of life for all those who overcome and chose Him. Let's look at these verses.

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. He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; 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; and I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

God will give authority over the nations to all His bondservants who stay true to His course and finish the race well, overcoming everything thrown at them by the adversary. These bondservants will rule the nations with Him and see the establishment of His governmental rulership upon this earth. When will all this take place for these bondservants, these overcomers? In the age to come which is the 1000-year reign of Christ on the earth, with Christ being the head of His government, along with His bondservants/bride/saints as His co-heirs, ruling and reigning with Him.

Only those who are overcomers will take part in this governmental rulership with Christ. What an amazing opportunity the church has been given to receive this inheritance.



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QUESTIONS

1. How can tolerating a Jezebelic spirit and their teaching lead Christ's bond-servants astray?
2. What are the things that you are tolerating that have the potential to lead you astray?
3. What does it mean to commit spiritual adultery? What are the consequences for those who do?
4. What must we do to be the overcomers who will receive the reward Christ promised?
5. Do you feel confident that you will receive the promised reward for the overcomer? Why or why not?

ACTION POINT: Spend some time praying together and repent of anything that you have been tolerating or that you have committed spiritual adultery. Ask the Spirit to reveal in you who we have been called and chosen for and the covenant He has made with us.