

Sermon Notes

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

“Jesus Assessment of Thyatira: Part C” – Revelation 2:18-29

I. Introduction

A. The problem at Thyatira.

1. Meat sacrificed to idols
2. Sexual immorality
3. Jezebel theology

Connected to
Trade Guilds.

B. Insights on Jezebel and female office holding.

1. Women may teach, but not occupy the teaching office of Elder.
 - a. They may not exercise spiritual authority over men.
I Cor. 14:33-35; Eph 5:22-24; Col. 3:18; Tit. 2:5; I Pet. 3:1-8.
2. Didaskain – Greek for “teaching” is never used in connection to a woman in the New Testament except in Rev. 2:20 where J_____ teaching is certainly not approved.
3. Further note that her instruction was t_____. Some kind of teaching authority is in view.
4. Failure ultimately rests with the E_____.

II. Exposition.

A. The Correction.

1. Two groups are being corrected.
 - a. Group #1
 - b. Group #2

B. Consequences (negative) – Revelation 2:22-23

1. “Sick bed” – Hebrew and Greek meaning.
2. “I will kill her children with pestilence.”
 - a. Note correlation to King Ahab, the husband of Jezebel.

1. II Kings 9; 10:7-8; 11.

3. “Then all the churches will know”
 - a. Plural usage found at center point of chiasmatic structure.
 - b. Meaning: All communications are for all churches of all ages.
4. “Searches the hearts.”
 - a. Christ sees all – John 2:24-25; Isa. 29:15; Heb. 4:13; Rom. 2:16.

C. Consequences (positive) – Revelation 2:26-28

1. “Authority over the nations.”
 - a. Only for “Nike” Christians.
2. “Iron scepter”
 - a. Note Psalm 2:9a
3. “Dash them to pieces like pottery.”
 - a. Note Psalm 2:9b
 - b. Special significance for trade guilds.
4. “Morning Star”
 - a. Christ’s Messianic rule – Num. 24:17; Rev. 22:16
 - b. Possible polemic against Roman rule.

III. Points for Reflection – contemporary significance.

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1. Meaning of idolatry.
 2. Heidelberg Catechism.

B. Idols today?

Work
Money
Sports/exercise

Justification among Christians is found in distorted Jezebel theology.