

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

Jesus' Assessment of Thyatira

Part C

Lesson #13

Teaching is an authoritative act and presupposes theological possession of authority in the church. Consequently, Paul forbids women to “teach” because they may not exercise ruling authority over men in the church (I Corinthians 14:33-35) or home (Ephesians 5:22-24, Colossians 3:18, Titus 2:5, I Peter 3:1-8).

Didaskein is never used of a woman in the New Testament except in Revelations 2:20 where Jezebel's teaching is certainly not approved.

“I have this against
you, that you tolerate
that woman Jezebel.”

The Correction

Here the specific corrective action of repentance is not commanded but referred to as a past event. “I gave her time to repent.”

Consequence (negative).

Revelation 2:22-23

“²² 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. 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; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.”

“I will kill her children with
pestilence” (“death” in NASU).

“Then all the churches will know that I am He who searches the hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.”

John 2:24-25

“²⁴ But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, ²⁵ and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.”

Isaiah 29:15

“¹⁵ Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord, And whose deeds are done in a dark place, And they say, ‘Who sees us?’ or ‘Who knows us?’”

Hebrews 4:13

“¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

Romans 2:16

“¹⁶ On the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.”

Consequences (positive)

Revelation 2: 26-28

“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. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

“Iron scepter”

Psalm 2:9

“⁹ You shall break them
with a rod of iron; You
shall shatter them like
earthenware.”

“Morning star”

Numbers 24:17

“¹⁷ I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.”

Revelation 22:16

“¹⁶ I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

**The “Nike” Christian
overcomes compromising
Jezebel theology that leads
to idolatry and sexual
immorality.**

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #95:

Q: What is idolatry?

A: Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts *in place of or alongside of* the only true God, who has revealed himself in His Word.