

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

TOPIC: THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Sermon 4: *"Thyatira: The Unrepentant Church!"*

TEXT: Revelation 2:18-29

INTRO: The City Of Thyatira!

I. THEIR COMMENDATION: v.19

Note: The Lord Jesus praises them for four reasons:

1. Good works - *"deeds"*
2. Deep *"love and faith"*
3. Faithfulness and patience-*"service and perseverance"*
4. You walk the extra mile - *"You are now doing...first."*

II. THEIR CONDEMNATION: v.20

Note: Here, the Lord Jesus expressed His strong disapproval to the Thyatira church due to their intolerance of Jezebel's false teachings. She misled them into sexual immorality and idolatry!

1. Committing sexual immorality - cf. II Cor. 6:14-18
2. Eating foods offered to idols - cf. Acts 15:20; I Cor. 10:20-21,25; II Tim. 4:1-5

Note: Both issues are also found in the Church of Ephesus and Pergamum!!

III. THEIR UNREPENTANCE: vv.21-24

Note: Verses 21 and 22 indicate that Jezebel and her followers did not make a 180-degree turn from their sin of immorality, i.e., sexual immorality and idolatry! - v.20

1. Its Consequences - vv.22-23a
 - A. Sickness - v.22
 - B. Death - vv.22-23a
 - King David!
2. Its Message - v.23b
 - A. God knows one's unrepentance - Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24

B. Repent, or suffer its consequence(s)!

Note: You cannot hide your sin and not repent of it forever. It will eventually catch up on you, and will surely come to light! - Numbers 32:23

C. Repent, and be rewarded! - vv.26-28

- 1) By reigning and ruling with Christ - vv. 26-27 cf. Rev. 20:1-10
- 2) By obtaining Christ's power and authority - v.28 cf. I John 1:9

Note: *"Morning Star"* is Jesus - Rev. 22:16

CONCLUSION: God promises to forgive and forget when a Christian repents of his/her sin!

Murderer's Planned Revenge!

If there is no repentance, there can be no pardon! Some years ago, a murderer was sentenced to death. The murderer's brother, to whom the State was deeply indebted for former services, besought the governor of the State for his brother's pardon. The pardon was granted, and the man visited his brother with the pardon in his pocket. "What would you do," he said to him, "if you received a pardon?" "The first thing I would do," he answered, "is to track down the judge who sentenced me, and murder him; and the next thing I would do is to track down the chief witness, and murder him."

The brother rose, and left the prison with the pardon in his pocket!" - Dawn

Verse For Today

"Be sure that your sin will find you out!" - Num. 32:23

Food For Thought

"The Christian who has stopped repenting has stopped growing!" - Arthur W. Pink

