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Introduction

1. The history of Thyatira.
 1. Thyatira was the home of Lydia, the seller of purple.
 2. The church was probably started as an outreach of Paul's ministry in Ephesus.
 3. The city was founded by Seleucus, one of Alexander's successors.
 4. Thyatira was an important commercial center, known for its numerous guilds.
 5. There were numerous deities worshipped: Asclepias, Dionysus, Artemis, and Apollo.
2. What have we learned about Jesus so far?
 1. He is the powerful, present protector.
 2. He is the everlasting one who lives.
 3. He is the warrior whose word is powerful.

The One Speaking to the Church at Thyatira

1. The Son of God: All things belong to Him and He has been appointed the Judge of the earth. Rom. 1:4, Acts 17:30.
2. With eyes like a flame of fire: The Judge who sees all. Rev. 1:14, Rev. 19:12
3. With feet like burnished bronze: In power He has conquered all His enemies. Ps. 110:1-2, Rev. 19:15.
4. When you draw near to God you should consider what has been unveiled regarding Jesus on the other side of the veil.

The Commendation

1. Love for God and others was exemplary.
2. Faithfulness was evident: dependable, reliable.
3. Service always flows out of love and faithfulness.
4. Perseverance reveals the true character of faith.

The Criticism

1. To the leader of the church
 1. You have let a woman teach and incite you to do evil. 1 Tim. 2:12, 1 Kings 21:11, 25, 1 Cor. 14:34-28.
 2. You have tolerated her wickedness and error. Rev. 2:2-3, 1 Kings 21:19. Why?
2. To the woman doing the work of "Jezebel."
 1. Incites idolatry and unfaithfulness. 1 Kings 16:31
 2. Destroy and control the prophetic Word of God by attacking the prophets. 1 King. 18:4, 19:2.
 3. Further her ambitions by using men who are weak and afraid of her. 1 Kings 21:8-11.
 4. She has had time to repent and won't, so she will suffer.

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3. To those who have followed “Jezebel.”
 1. Repent or you will suffer with her.
 2. I will kill you with pestilence according to your deeds.

The Admonition

1. “Jezebel” and her followers apparently believed they could expose themselves to the deep things of Satan and go unscathed.
2. To those who have not know the deep things of Satan, I place no more burden on you other than bearing the burden of resisting the false teaching and the rampant immorality surrounding you.
3. Hold fast to your love, faith, service, and perseverance.

His Promise

1. He who overcomes the temptation of Jezebel and remains faithful until the end will reign with power and authority with Jesus.
2. He who overcomes will be given the glory of Jesus Christ. Rev. 22:16

The Call to Hear

1. “I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one according to your deeds.”
2. Men, have you allowed a woman to incite you to action instead of following the Holy Spirit?
3. Women, have you knowingly manipulated your husband or another man to further your ambitions rather than encourage him to follow the Holy Spirit?
4. Repent of known sins for a lifetime. Is there anything of which you don’t want to repent?