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The Church in Thyatira

Hello. Thank you for joining us today. My name is Tom Laign with Sabbath Bible Study. Is it possible to be of the household of faith while being under the sway of false teachings? In our study of the messages to the churches of Revelation we have seen how the church of Ephesus left its first love, how the church in Smyrna was faithful and yet persecuted, and how the church in Pergamos lived where the seat of Satan was and even though they did many great things they allowed stumbling blocks to be cast before the faithful. The church in Thyatira was praised for doing many right things. They had works, love, service, faith, and patience, and instead of leaving their first love as did the church of Ephesus, their last works were more than their first. Their big problem was they allowed a spiritual Jezebel to lead the household of faith into spiritual error where they committed spiritual fornication by blending in and adopting outside religious practices as their own. Those of the church in Thyatira were warned that this Jezebel was given space to repent and she did not. From other places in the Bible we know that those who refuse to repent will face death in the lake of fire. We are also told that this Jezebel and her followers will face great tribulation. Great tribulation is associated with the end time, and that could very well indicate that the spiritual influence of this Jezebel will be impacting the household of faith through the end time. Jesus spoke of great tribulation as recorded in Matthew chapter twenty-four, and the Book of Revelation also references great tribulation in two locations, including the message to the church in Thyatira. From the message we can also discern that not all who were of the church in Thyatira were seduced by this Jezebel, because the message clearly shows that the rest of Thyatira who did not have the doctrine of Jezebel or know the depth of Satan would have no other burden if they held fast to what they had. Let's read the message to the church in Thyatira starting in Revelation chapter two verse eighteen.

Revelation 2:18-29
18. And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;
19. I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

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20. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
21. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
22. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
23. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
24. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.
25. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.
26. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
27. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.
28. And I will give him the morning star.
29. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Even though the church in Thyatira allowed for this spiritual Jezebel to influence the household of faith, it was a church known for its works, and it was also known that its later works were greater than their earlier works. Sometimes as Christians we overthink works and we can see works are those things which lead to righteousness. For instance, Timothy was reminded that it is by the mercy of Jesus we are saved, not by works of righteousness which from the passage we can see are works we are to do, and we are to keep on doing those works of righteousness. We do those works of righteousness because Jesus loved us and died for us, but it is the mercy of Jesus that saves us. Titus three verse three.

Titus 3:3-8
3. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.
4. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

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5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
6. Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
7. That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
8. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

When we think of works of righteousness, we can look to an earlier passage from Titus to get a better understanding. Paul explained good works to be based in doctrine reflecting uncorrupted spiritual purity, the seriousness of conviction, sincerity of faith, and using words skillfully so that what needs to be said can be said without being condemned. Paul reminded Titus that when the truth of God was spoken, it needed to be spoken in such a way that even a person who despised the truth of God would find it difficult to fault the person for speaking truth. Titus two verse one.

Titus 2:1-8
1. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
2. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
3. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
6. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
7. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
8. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

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The church in Thyatira allowed a spiritual Jezebel to influence what its members learned, and yet it was a church known for its charity, or love. Love is a great quality to have and is central to a new commandment given by Jesus Christ, that we love one another as Jesus also loved us, and He explained our love for each other would be taken as a sign by non-believers that we are truly disciples of Christ. John thirteen verse thirty-four.

John 13:34-35
34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Paul explained to the Galatians that we have been called to freedom through Jesus. That freedom is not a license to do whatever we want to do because it is a freedom by which we can serve one another through love. The freedom we have been given is not a repudiation of the law of God, because we know from the Book of Revelation fourteen verse twelve that the saints are described as those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The freedom that we have comes through faith in Jesus while we keep the commandments of God. Paul went on to explain that the law is fulfilled in loving our neighbor as ourself, and that as the household of faith we cannot allow ourselves to attack the faith, integrity, and character of others of faith. Galatians five verse thirteen.

Galatians 5:13-15
13. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
14. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
15. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

The love that we are to have is two-fold. Jesus showed first we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. He added the second is like it to love our neighbor as ourself. From the description of the saints in Revelation as those who keep the commandments of God, we know we love the Lord our God

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through the first four commandments and we love our neighbors as ourself by the last six commandments. Matthew twenty-two verse thirty-four.

Matthew 22:34-40
34. But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.
35. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
37. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38. This is the first and great commandment.
39. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

We will follow the ten commandments as we love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourself. The ten commandments apply to every instance of our life, but it can be much harder to connect every instance of our life to at least one of the ten commandments. For instance, not one of the ten commandments tells us to stop and render aid to an individual requiring life-saving assistance, but if we were the only person who was around to offer that life-saving assistance, and instead of doing what we could to help, we just simply left to do something like go to church, would God look at that as keeping the Sabbath Day holy, or would God look at our actions as a type of murder? If we say we keep the ten commandments then we will also understand how what we do connects to the ten commandments.

Paul told the Ephesians to walk in love as Christ also loved us. He showed that walking in love as Christ loved us is a lifestyle that avoids sin, because sin is unbecoming to saints. He added that crude behavior needs to be avoided and told the faithful to replace crude behavior with gratitude. He urged them to avoid being deceived. Today we frequently get warnings from companies and organizations we transact business with about avoiding online, email, texting, and phone scams. Thousands of years ago Paul was warning Ephesians to avoid spiritual scams. We are often told what to look for to avoid these modern scams, and the best way to avoid spiritual scams is to know that you know what is in the

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Bible. Paul explained we are to be children of light living with the fruit of the Holy Spirit, proving what is acceptable to God. Ephesians five verse one.

Ephesians 5:1-11
1. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
3. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
4. Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
5. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
6. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
7. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
8. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
9. For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;
10. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
11. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

John explained that when our love is perfect, we can have boldness in the day of judgment, that there is no love in fear because perfect love casts out fear. Boldness in the day of judgment implies we have nothing to fear when being judged, and that boldness comes because we have been doing what is expected of us. Unlike the judgments given by man, God's judgments are righteous. Man's judgments are prescribed by process of man's laws and subject to the limitations of human nature which can cause an innocent person to be found guilty. Students in school face judgment day on their report cards, and their report card grade is prescribed by education laws. Students can position themselves to have boldness on report card day by having top grades. I was the type of student who knew my grades and what my likely report card would be. Once in high school, I remember understanding that even if I scored a zero on a final exam, I would still solidly pass the class with a final grade in the mid 80s. I also understood that this particular

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teacher wouldn't post a grade less than 50 in the gradebook, and even with that lowest likely score I would likely pass the class with a grade greater than 90 out of 100 points. With that understanding, I took that final exam with a certain sense of boldness. I still studied for the final exam to do my best but there was absolutely no worry about the final grade for me. Spiritually, we need to live our lives so that we have a similar boldness on the day of our spiritual judgment. First John four verse seventeen.

1 John 4:17-19
17. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
18. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
19. We love him, because he first loved us.

The church in Thyatira was faulted for allowing a spiritual Jezebel to influence the members, but with that was still praised for their service. The Greek word for service is also used for ministry. The church in Thyatira was a church that really took care of the people, but a wrong spiritual influence was driving what they did. While we cannot allow wrong spiritual influences to introduce false teachings, a ministry, or service, is still expected of us. The Corinthians were reminded that Stephanus was praised for being addicted to the ministry of the saints. First Corinthians sixteen verse thirteen.

1 Corinthians 16:13-18
13. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
14. Let all your things be done with charity.
15. I beseech you, brethren, ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,
16. That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to everyone that helpeth with us, and laboureth.
17. I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.
18. For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

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The Corinthians were also reminded that Christians collectively have this ministry and have received mercy. Having been given a ministry and mercy, we must not allow ourselves to faint, to give up on what has been given to us. God has brought us to the light of truth when so many have been blinded by Satan. Second Corinthians four verse one.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6
1. Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
2. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
3. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
4. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
5. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.
6. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The church in Thyatira was praised for its faith even though it let in a spiritual Jezebel to influence the members. Faith is those things we hope for but have no tangible evidence to confirm what we are hoping for. Hebrews eleven verse one.

Hebrews 11:1-2
1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

In writing to Timothy, Paul reminded him that faith is not something we passively have. There are no passive, warm feelings of goodness that results in us doing nothing. He told Timothy to fight the good fight of faith and to seize eternal life. For some, fighting the good fight of faith and seizing eternal life seems out of touch with how we are supposed to live our lives as Christians, but Paul tells us otherwise. And for clarification, the good fight of faith we fight and seizing eternal

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life are spiritual fights. As Christians we are not in the business of physical confrontations to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God. First Timothy six verse eleven.

1 Timothy 6:11-14
11. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
12. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
13. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;
14. That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Paul reminded the Ephesians that faith is needed to be saved, but that it is grace that saves us through faith. There is nothing we can do of and by ourselves to give ourselves eternal life. Ephesians two verse four.

Ephesians 2:4-10
4. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved;
6. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
7. That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.
10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

James wrote that faith without works is dead. The faith we have must be a faith that leads us to do what God expects of us. Faith is not simply belief. The demons believe there is one God and tremble because while they believe they do not do what God expects. Instead, even though they believe, they live their lives in opposition to God. They live their lives in opposition to what is Holy. They live

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their lives in opposition to salvation being offered to mankind. James two verse fourteen.

James 2:14-19
14. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
15. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
17. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
18. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
19. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

The church in Thyatira had patience. The members were awaiting the return of Jesus Christ. They didn't leave the faith they had, but they allowed a spiritual Jezebel to influence what they believed. As Christians, we need to heed the words of Paul to the Thessalonians that we patiently wait for Christ. Second Thessalonians three verse one.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
1. Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
2. And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.
3. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.
4. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.
5. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

As we patiently await the return of Jesus, our hope, the faith we have in the Kingdom of God to come, must remain strong. Even though we live a physical life in a world full of distractions, we cannot allow the life that we have now to lead

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us away from the faith we have. Our faith must remain constant as we give glory to God our Father and Jesus Christ. Romans fifteen verse four.

Romans 15:4-6
4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
5. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:
6. That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Patience is a spiritual quality we are to have, and as we await the return of Jesus, what are we supposed to be doing? Revelation defines the saints as keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. As we await the return of Jesus, we continue to keep the commandments of God and we never waiver on the faith of Jesus knowing that through grace we will have eternal life and our place in the Kingdom of God to come. Revelation fourteen verse twelve.

Revelation 14:12
12. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

The church in Thyatira was praised for its works, and it was noted that its later works were stronger than their first works. It's one thing to start strong and something else to finish strong. In writing to the Philippians, Paul reminded them of how he was pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ. Philippians three verse thirteen.

Philippians 3:13-14
13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The Galatians were reminded to not become weary in well doing. We tend to grow weary when we do something for a long time. As we live our life awaiting

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the return of Jesus, we need to continue to do what God expects of us, and we need to continue in well doing, and as we have opportunity, to do good for others, and especially within the household of faith. Galatians six verse seven.

Galatians 6:7-10
7. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
8. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
9. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
10. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

There were many things the church in Thyatira did and did well. Unfortunately, they also allowed a spiritual Jezebel to influence the members and that influence led the members to adopt religious practices condemned by God. The church in Thyatira had it not allowed the influence of this spiritual Jezebel would have been a stellar church. Instead, through this spiritual Jezebel this church was introduced to the teachings of Satan. Having been given a great calling, how did they come to surrender to evil? The church in Thyatira did what the people of Israel did long before them. Back in the time of the divided kingdom, there was the Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Israel. It was Ahab who was king of the Kingdom of Israel, and he was married to Jezebel. She was a Phoenician princess who brought strange gods, with a small "g" to Israel. She was conniving and would do anything to position her husband's standing among the people. She forced the prophets of God into hiding, and it was Elijah the prophet who was given the task of confronting Ahab. First Kings eighteen verse one.

1 Kings 18:1-4
1. And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.
2. And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.
3. And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly:

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4. For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

Elijah followed through on the task given him, and even challenged the prophets of Baal, so favored by Jezebel, to call to their god as he would call out to the God of Israel. The prophets of Baal tried all day, and Elijah even encourage them to call out louder to Baal, and nothing happened. Near the evening, Elijah very simply called out to the God of Israel, and immediately his offering was lit by fire. Elijah then killed all the prophets of Baal. First Kings eighteen verse thirty-six.

1 Kings 18:36-40
36. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.
37. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.
38. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.
39. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.
40. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

Jezebel was so conniving that she even arranged for the owner of a vineyard to be set up so he could be killed for blasphemy, just so Ahab could take possession of the vineyard. First Kings twenty-one verse one.

1 Kings 21:1-10
1. And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.
2. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it

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a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.
3. And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.
4. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.
5. But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?
6. And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.
7. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.
8. So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.
9. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:
10. And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

Ultimately, Jezebel was killed, and all that was left of her to bury was a few bones and her skull as wild dogs ate her body. Second Kings nine verse thirty.

2 Kings 9:30-37
30. And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.
31. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?
32. And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.
33. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her underfoot.

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34. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.
35. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.
36. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the Lord, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:
37. And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

The message we can take from the church in Thyatira is to endure to the end increasing our faith and never adopting false religious practices, and we will have to do this in a time when people are more and more distant and cold-hearted. Matthew twenty-four verse nine.

Matthew 24:9-14
9. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
11. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
12. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Jesus taught of the need to abide with Him. We must remain true to Jesus faithfully doing what God expects of us. John fifteen verse one.

John 15:1-8
1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

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5. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As we endure to the end, we will be enduring temptation. The greatest temptation we will face is to abandon the faith of Jesus and the commandments of God. We must remain true to the end. James one verse twelve.

James 1:12-18
12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
16. Do not err, my beloved brethren.
17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
18. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Hebrews reminds us that we cannot leave our first love and our faith must remain until the end. Hebrews three verse twelve.

Hebrews 3:12-15
12. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
13. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

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14. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;
15. While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

As we endure to the end, we need to remember we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, a peculiar people. As we live in a world that has mostly rejected God we must remember to live honestly among those who have rejected God, because we want them to see what is good in our life so that when God does call them, even if during the second resurrection, they will remember us, and praise God. First Peter two verse nine.

1 Peter 2:9-12
9. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
10. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
11. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
12. Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

The church in Thyatira did so many wonderful and great things, and they were praised for what they did. They also allowed a spiritual Jezebel to influence the members with false religious teachings opposed to all that is God. That should remind us that we can have the form of having the faith of Jesus while keeping the commandments of God, without having any of the substance. We belong to Jesus Christ and God our Father, and we serve Them. We must always reject any and all false teachings, no matter how socially accepted those false teachings may be. We are the children of God with Jesus Christ as our older brother.

Thank you for joining us today. God-willing we'll get together next time on the Sabbath. Until then, thank you for joining us today.

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