



**FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON:** Sunday, November 21, 2021

**TITLE:** A Letter to an Immoral Church

**PASSAGE:** Revelation 2:18-29

**SERIES:** The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

1. What is your first reaction to how Jesus is described in Rev 2:18?
2. Read Rev 2:19. Examine yourself. Would you say that your own works, love, faith, service, and patient endurance is exceeding what you did since you were first saved? Or is it decreasing?
3. Read 1 Kings 18 and 2 Kings 9. What do you learn about Jezebel?
4. The name Jezebel is synonymous with sin, evil, immorality and false teaching. This false teaching in Thyatira was leading the church into compromise. Have you written down, so you can be reminded, the 3 questions from the sermon that you are to ask yourself when you are tempted to compromise? Do you find yourself asking these questions often or do you just do what you want/desire?

**Will Jesus be OK with this?**

**Does this reflect who I really am?**

**Have I considered the consequences of my choices?**

5. Read Romans 12:1-2.
  - a. How are we transformed?
  - b. What are you currently filling your mind with?
  - c. Are there any outside voices (Jezebels) distracting you from the truth of God's word?
6. God hates sexual immorality and things sacrificed to idols/demons yet in his grace Jesus stands ready to forgive immorality and idolatry.
  - a. Have you fallen this week in any of these areas?
  - b. Do you see this as a problem, or do you justify your actions?
  - c. Do you hold fast to the deep things of God or the deep things of Satan (v24)?
  - d. Would you repent of your sin?
7. Read Revelation 2:26, Romans 8:37-39, 1 Corinthians 15:56-58, 1 John 5:4-5.
  - a. What do you learn about victory/conquering/overcoming?
  - b. How do these truths change how you live your life?
  - c. What are you going to do different this week in light of this?

(See **PRAYER POINTS** on page 2.)

As we continue in our series through the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3, let's pray together through these passages. Let's place ourselves humbly before the Lord and trust him to teach Mission City Bible Church what we need to know and do as a result of our time in the word and in prayer. Use these prayer starters, as needed, and move from one section to the next, as appropriate.

#### **THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF JESUS:**

- He is the Son of God (v18)
- He sees, judges, and knows all things (v18-19)
- He is patient that all should come to repentance (v21)
- He is pure and perfect in his judgement (v22-23)
- He searches the mind and heart (v23)
- He rewards each person according to their works (v23)
- He is merciful (v24)
- He is coming again (v25)
- He has authority to rule over the nations (v26-27)
- He will extinguish the darkness with the light of his presence (v28)

#### **REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Jesus, we praise you because you were patient with me/us when . . .
- Lord, thank you for your mercy when . . .

#### **RESPONSE:**

- Lord, I confess that I have tolerated the sin of \_\_\_\_\_; help me to walk in . . .
- Lord, search my mind and heart and see if there is any sin in me
- Lord, I repent for listening too much to the teaching of \_\_\_\_\_ and not enough to the teaching of the gospel

#### **REQUEST:**

- Lord, protect our church from the teaching and seduction of "Jezebels"
- Lord, give us the ability to see and understand the consequences of our choices
- Lord, strengthen me/us to hold fast to what we have until you come
- Lord, help me/us identify and remove any false teaching we are listening to

#### **READINESS:**

- Jesus, strengthen us to live as light in the darkness even when . . .
- Lord, we will trust in you for your pure and perfect judgement for . . .
- Lord, come quickly!