

Revelation 2:12-17 Study

AND UNTO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN PERGAMOS WRITE; THESE THINGS SAITH HE WHICH HATH TH SHARP SWORD WITH TWO EDGES;

The message to this particular church addresses the need for the true Word of God to come front and center to conquer the demonic forces that this church is wrestling with. The church of Pergamos at one point is located as the capitol of a roman province. They are in the midst of Roman rulers, Roman laws, and Roman traditions. The sin and iniquity runs deep and had become the common way of life. The Romans worshipped pagan gods and provoked the wrath of God. The issues and abominations must be fought with the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the hearts.

I KNOW THY WORKS, AND WHERE THOU DWELLEST, EVEN WHERE SATAN'S SEAT IS: AND THOU HOLDEST FAST MY NAME, AND HAST NOT DENIED MY FAITH, EVEN IN THOSE DAYS WHEREIN ANTIPAS WAS MY FAITHFUL MARTYR, WHO WAS SLAIN AMONG YOU, WHERE SATAN DWELLETH.

The Lord Jesus Christ is encouraging the true believers to remain faithful to the Word no matter the circumstance. No matter where you are, or what atmosphere you're in the Word will stand. Even remain faithful not loving your own life even unto death if it comes to that. The Lord Jesus Christ has eyes everywhere beholding the good as well as the evil. Where the seat of the adversary is, there is surely much affliction upon the righteous. There are all manners of evil, but the true believer must hold fast to the name of Jesus Christ and the works of faith.

BUT I HAVE A FEW THINGS AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST THERE THEM THAT HOLD FAST THE DOCTRINE OF BALAAM, WHO TAUGHT BALAC TO CAST A STUMBLING BLOCK BEFORE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, TO EAT THINGS SACRIFICED UNTO IDOLS, AND TO COMMIT FORNICATION.

It is needful to stress the fact that in these last days the enemy is coming to deceive believers and have them fall away with seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The account of the prophet Balaam is mentioned in Numbers chapter 23. The prophet is approached by the king who is intimidated by the children of Israel. He asked the prophet to curse what Jesus Christ has blessed. The prophet was a true prophet of the Most High, but was given to seducing spirits and covetous practices and had a respecter of persons for the king. He petitioned the Lord God to get guidance about how to handle the situation. The Lord answered the prophet, but the prophet's actions reflected that he didn't like the answer or he somehow thought the Lord would change his mind. He became a stumbling block to the people of God. Instead of seeking the face of God the prophet went chasing the King Balac who wanted demise for the children of Israel. The spiritual

condition during these times had provoked the Lord God to anger toward his children. They began to commit whoredom against God. Spiritual harlotry. They began to sacrifice to idol gods and to eat things sacrificed to idols. Though the spiritual church condition is provoking anger, the Lord has his hand stretched out pleading with his children to repent and overcome this situation. The reward is hidden manna a food which is heavenly and not prepared by man. The Lord God also stated he would give the overcomer a whitestone with a new name. During the days of Jacob he instructed him to leave a stone as a memorial of how he established them as a nation. He also did the same with Joshua and the children when the Lord parted the waters a second time and the children went on over on dry ground. The Lord is the same. The stone is a memorial of how the Lord God delivered the children from the hand of their enemies on every side.