

Don't Compromise

Revelation 2:12-17

12 "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword: 13 "I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan's city.

Revelation 2:12-17

14 "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. 15 In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching.

Revelation 2:12-17

16 Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

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17 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

1. SETTING – A CITY WHERE SATAN HAD AUTHORITY

Revelation 2:13

13 "I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne

2. SPEAKER – THE WORDS OF THE DOUBLE EDGED SWORD

Revelation 2:12

"These are the words of Him who has the sharp, double-edged sword."

3. STRENGTHS – FAITHFUL AGAINST EVIL

Revelation 2:13

13 “I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan’s city.

4. SIN – BALAAM AND THE STRATEGY OF COMPROMISE

Revelation 2:14

“Nevertheless, I have a few things against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam”

Numbers 31:16

16 “These are the very ones who followed Balaam’s advice and caused the people of Israel to rebel against the Lord at Mount Peor. They are the ones who caused the plague to strike the Lord’s people.

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John 14:15

If you love me, obey my commandments.

5. SOLUTION – REPENTANCE FROM COMPROMISE

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“Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will come and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

6. SUMMONS – LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT

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7. SUCCESS – BETTER SATISFACTION AND DEEPER INTIMACY

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Hidden Manna – God's Better Satisfaction

The White Stone – Acceptance, Identity, and Intimacy

Pergamum asks us:

- What are we tolerating?
- What tables are we sitting at?
- Are we resisting culture or blending with it?