

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

Lesson # 10

Assessment of Pergamum: Part C

Revelation 2:12-17

Revelation 2:16-17

“¹⁶ Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. ¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.”

Judges 2:1-5

“¹ Now the angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, ‘I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, “I will never break My covenant with you, ² and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.”’ But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done? ³ Therefore I also said, “I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.”’⁴ When the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. ⁵ So they named that place Bochim; and there they sacrificed to the Lord.”

The place is named for their tears.
“Bochim” meaning “weepers.”

Note that the tears lead to
sacrifices.

“There is no neat closing, no answer to ‘What happened then?’ So they wept and sacrificed. What did all that produce? The Angel of Yahweh’s sermon induces weeping, tears, and profound impressions. Does anything go beyond Israel’s tear ducts? Is anything more lasting than water produced here?”

II Corinthians 7:9-10

“⁹ I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to {the point of} repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to {the will of} God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. ¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to {the will of} God produces a repentance without regret, {leading} to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

Joel 2:12-13

“¹² ‘Yet even now,’ declares the LORD,
‘Return to me with all your heart, and
with fasting, weeping, and mourning; ¹³
And rend your heart and not your
garments. Now return to the LORD your
God, for He is gracious and
compassionate, slow to anger, abounding
in lovingkindness, and relenting of evil.’”

Hebrews 12:16-17

“¹⁶ That {there be} no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a {single} meal. ¹⁷ For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.”

Negative Consequences

“I will make war with the
sword of my mouth.”



Conquering or “Nike” formula.



In Exodus 16:32-34 Aaron is instructed to put manna in a jar in the ark of the covenant as a reminder for future generations of God's providential care over his people (also Hebrews 9:4).

2 Macc 2:4-6 reveals in the Jewish legend that prior to the destruction of the temple in 586 BC the prophet Jeremiah had hidden the ark and its contents (including the jar of manna) in a cave at Mount Sinai and that it would remain hidden there until the coming of the Messiah and the messianic age.

Psalm 34:8

“⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!”

**What are the idols of
our lives that occupy
space reserved for
Christ alone?**