Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

Jesus' Assessment of Thyatira Part B Lesson #12 The Christ Title The Commendation The Complaint The Correction The Consequence

The Commendation

Revelation 2:19a

"¹⁹ I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance..."

Love Faith Service

Perseverance

Revelation 2:19b

"That your deeds of late are greater than at first."

The Complaint

Revelation 2:20

"²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they <u>commit acts of</u> <u>immorality</u> and <u>eat things sacrificed</u> <u>to idols</u>."

Who is this woman named Jezebel?

I Kings 21:25-26

^{••25} Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord, <u>because Jezebel his wife incited</u> <u>him</u>. ²⁶ <u>He acted very abominably in</u> <u>following idols</u>, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the Lord cast out before the sons of Israel."

II Kings 9:22

"²² When Joram saw Jehu, he said, 'Is it peace, Jehu?' And he answered, 'What peace, <u>so long as the harlotries of your</u> <u>mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are</u> <u>so many</u>?"

Option #1 A specific female

Option #2 The Community as a whole.

Revelation 2:20

"She teaches and leads my bond-servants away."

Revelation 2:23

"I will kill her children."

Note possible correspondence in John's writing.

II John 1

"¹ The elder to the <u>chosen lady</u> <u>and her children</u>, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth." "Sexual immorality and eating things sacrificed to idols and trade guilds," verse 20. When theology is wrong, good deeds will become corrupted. A compromised view of sexuality leads to compromised holiness and godliness.