

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT PERGAMOS

Revelations 2:12-17

Introduction

The City of Pergamos is located above 100 miles North of Ephesus. It is known as a Pagan Cathedral city, a university town, and a royal residence. Pergamos is known as "Satan's seat," (v.13) because it is the center of emperor worship with Satan enthroned. The meaning of the word Pergamos is marriage. The church at Pergamos is guilty of spiritual fornication and can be properly called the compromising church.

Message

I. The Identity of the Speaker

- he who has the sharp sword with two edges, an instrument of judgement. The word of God, which gives life, shall also judge the people in the last days.

II. The Commendations

- A. Thou holdest fast my name
- B. And has not denied my faith (Jude 3)

III. Condemnation

- A. Allowed them that used the doctrine of Balaam, the hireling prophet and the author of compromise, corrupting the people who could not be cursed by leading them through sexual defilement with the Moabites (Numbers 31:15-16; 22:5; 23:8), to eat things committed to idols and to commit fornication.

B. Condone them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes where the clergy of some special people hold the pre-eminence in the church and becoming above the Lord and the Word of God.

IV. Command

A. We are commanded to be separated (II Corinthians 6:14-18)

B. Let the Lord Jesus have the pre-eminence in the church and in our personal life.

C. Repent or perish quickly.

V. Reward to the Overcomer (v.17)

The Lord will bless and accept them

