

Sermon Notes for February 23, 2020

THE COMPROMISING CHURCH: PERGAMUM REVELATION 2:12-17

SERIES: *WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY TO OUR CHURCH?*

⁴ 'You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; I am the LORD your God. ⁵ 'So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD. *Leviticus 18:4-5 (NASB)*

1. THE _____ CHURCH

⁴ You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. *James 4:4 (NASB)*

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹ "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. ²⁰ "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. *John 15:18-20 (NASB)*

2. A TARGETED CHURCH

➤ Pergamum had temples dedicated to Zeus, Athena, Asklepios, and Dionysus. But the city was dominated by emperor worship.

¹² "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: *Revelation 2:12 (NASB)*

²⁰ No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. *1 Corinthians 10:20 (NASB)*

¹³ 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. *Revelation 2:13 (NASB)*

3. A CHURCH _____ WITH THE WORLD

¹⁴ 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit *acts of immorality*. ¹⁵ 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. *Revelation 2:14-15 (NASB)*

¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. *1 John 2:15-17 (NASB)*

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. *2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NASB)*

4. PERGAMUM WAS _____ COMPROMISED

¹⁶ 'Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. *Revelation 2:16 (NASB)*

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? *1 Corinthians 5:6 (NASB)*

²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. *James 1:22 (NASB)*

¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; *Philippians 3:18-20 (NASB)*

5. ENCOURAGEMENT TO _____ BELIEVERS

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.' *Revelation 2:17 (NASB)*

⁴⁸ "I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh." *John 6:48-51 (NASB)*

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, *Ephesians 1:3 (NASB)*