

## Weekly Study Guide | 11/10/24

### Message to the Church in Thyatira

Read [Revelation 2:18-29](#)

*18 “To the messenger of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.*

*20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. 22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.*

*24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, 25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.’ 26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations – 27 that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. 28 I will also give that one the morning star. 29 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

**Supporting Bible Verses:** [Acts 16:9-10, 13-15, 40](#); [Hebrews 4:12-13](#); [Romans 10:15](#); [1 Kings 16:31, 18:4, 13-14](#); [Acts 15:29](#); [1 Corinthians 6:12-13, 10:7-10, 23](#)

### Questions:

1. What themes and topics do you find in the verses above regarding the church in Thyatira? What are some things that stand out to you? How would you summarize the main message with a word or a short sentence?
2. What encouragement and challenge did they receive? In what way was the church in Thyatira commended? How was the church corrected?

3. What is the context of this passage? How would you describe the culture in Thyatira? What other dynamics were they facing? How does this relate to the message to the church?
4. Why is Jezebel mentioned? Who was this person related to the church in Thyatira? How is this connected to Jezebel in the Old Testament? How does this relate to the importance of sound doctrine or teaching? How does this relate to Christian liberty, legalism, freedom in Christ, matters of conscience, stumbling blocks, and stronger/weaker believers?
5. What is Spirit saying to the Church today? Is there a specific message for the church in America? How does this relate to us today?
6. Share a few takeaways from this lesson. What is a practical way you can apply this to your life? How can it help strengthen your relationship with God? What difference will this make to your daily walk with Christ?

**For later:** Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on how this lesson relates to you. What did you learn? What are some personal takeaways and insights you gained? What is a practical way you can apply this to your life? How will this help strengthen your relationship with God? What difference will this make in your life? Is there anything you need to change in light of this lesson?

**Summary:** The church in Thyatira is often referred to as the corrupt church. The namesake can mean “odor of affliction.” In the case of Thyatira, it is a bad odor due to sin, specifically sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. The church exhibited love, faith, service, and perseverance, but even though they were doing more than they did at first, they tolerated a false prophetess who intentionally led believers into sin. Acting similar to Jezebel in the Old Testament, this idolatrous woman scandalized and controlled the church through lies, deception, and “deep secrets.” Even though she was given the opportunity, she was unwilling to repent. Jesus is depicted as “the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.” God sees all and nothing is hidden from Him. He comes with good news. To those who overcome He gives His authority and victory over all enemies. Believers are encouraged to hold on to what they have: their love, faith, service, and perseverance until He returns. By not tolerating false doctrine and properly understanding Christian liberty, believers can avoid being stumbling blocks and benefit one another by looking out for the weak ([Read 1 Corinthians 8 and 10](#)).