

THEME: Hear what the Spirit says to the churches!

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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TEACHING PASSAGE: Revelation 2:18-29

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How does Jesus describe himself to the church at Thyatira?
- 2. Thyatira was the smallest city of the seven Jesus addresses and there is no indication that the church suffered political or religious persecution. This city was most known for manufacturing purple dye and its metal works. What significance do you think this bears on how Jesus refers to Himself in verse 18?
- 3. What did Jesus know about this church (verse 19) and how does it contrast a previous church we have looked at? Reread Revelation 2: 1-7
- 4. Why does Jesus rebuke the church in Thyatira (verse 20)? Read about Jezebel (1Kings16:29;18:4;19:1-3;21:23-25, 2Kings9:6-10;30-37)
- 5. What did Jesus say had been done about her and what was going to be done? (verses 21-23) What can we learn about God's grace and judgement of our lives through these passages?
- 6. The church at Thyatira still had those that were not following "the deep things of Satan." How does Jesus encourage them and what were they to do and for how long? (verse 24-25) How can this be an encouragement to us today?
- 7. Read Psalm 2:7-9. This quote refers to the authority of the Messiah when he rules over the earth. How would this comfort those that had remained faithful, and what will they receive? (verses26-28)

Additional Resources

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¹⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹ " 'I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

For Children:

After identifying Himself, Jesus affirms the church's positive actions: "I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first" (Revelation 2:19). Five qualities are listed: 1) love, 2) faith, 3) service, 4), patient endurance, and 5) greater works.

Talk about these 5 qualities.

Activity:

Trace your child's hands on a paper and above the hands write Love and service go hand in hand. Then write acts of service on each finger and post it where your family can be reminded daily.

Say: Jesus was not entirely pleased with the church in Thyatira. He points out some big concerns he has and warns them to make some changes. Just like the church of Thyatira, there are qualities in us that Jesus sees and is pleased and there are qualities in us that he sees and is not pleased.

Ask: What are some habits Jesus is asking you to change?

Ask: In verses 25-28 Jesus makes a promise to those who hold fast to his teachings, he gives authority over the nations. Why do you think it is important that those he gives authority need to hold fast to his teachings?

