

Pergamos = evil + marriage

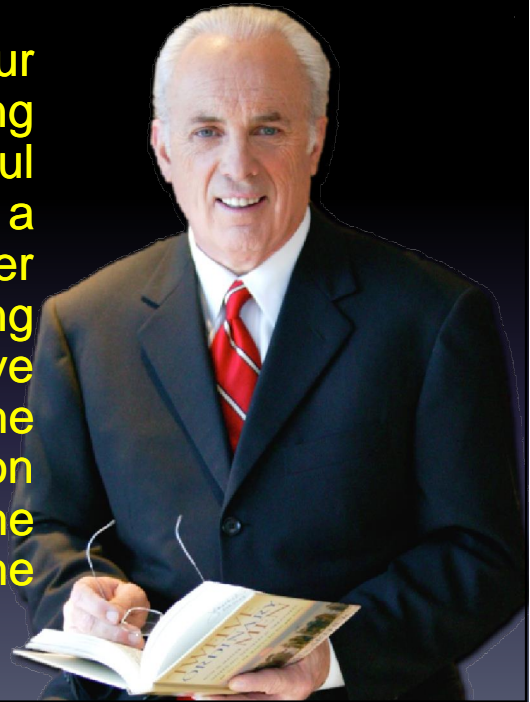


Revelation 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

While tolerance is lauded in our modern culture, tolerating heretical teaching or sinful behavior in the church is not a virtue but a sin. Error will never be suppressed by compromising with it. Today's non-confrontive church is largely repeating the error of the Pergamum church on a grand scale, and faces the judgment of the Lord of the church. + John MacArthur



Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Titus 2:12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Js 1:27, 4:4 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this – to keep oneself unspotted from the world. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 Jn 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world . the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life . is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Revelation 2:12-17 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: ¹³Know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

¹⁵Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. ¹⁶Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. ¹⁷Who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.†q

3. Their condition:

1. They were a worldly church
2. They remained faithful in their persecution



%We must always be ready to meet at our average moment, the thing that any possible enemy could hurl against us at his selected moment.+



Their condition:

1. They were a worldly church
2. They remained faithful in their persecution
3. Satan's throne was in their midst



4. The doctrine of Balaam: compromise (Num 22-25)

If you can't curse them, corrupt them

2 Pet 2:15-16 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

5. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans: libertinism or spiritual elitism

2 Cor 6:14-17 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.

1 Cor 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

Gal 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

1 Pet 2:16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

6. Their condemnation:

Rev 2:16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

1. They must repent

2. The Lord would fight against them

Rom 3:5-6 Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) ⁶Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

2:5-6 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶who ^{will} render to each one according to his deeds:

Rev 6:16-17 and said to the mountains and rocks, ^{fall} on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?+

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.†q

Jn 4:32 But He said to them, I have food to eat of which you do not know.+

Jn 6:35 And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Matt 22:11-14 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹²So he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?qAnd he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.+¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.+