

The Evil Heart that Refuses Repentance

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Pastors and leaders are charged with leading, guiding, teaching and protecting the flock. Sometimes, this includes protecting the flock from those with an evil heart. Although we want to believe the best in everyone, there are some who have an evil heart, and cannot be dealt with like normal believers or allowed to remain with the other sheep. It takes some very serious confrontations to identify the characteristics of an evil heart, and it may go undetected for long periods of time. Once an evil heart is exposed, we can confront it with boldness, and work toward the path to healing for this individual. But what is the scriptural protocol in dealing with an evil heart that refuses repentance, and continues to cause dissension and strife?

Let us first make the distinction that the person with an evil heart is not our enemy.

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12

3 Basic Steps to Victory for someone Bound by this:

1. Address the darkness we see in them. DO NOT ignore it.
2. Speak the word of God, boldly and in love, regarding their sin or deception.
3. Facilitate healing and deliverance, if they will receive it.

Usually, when pastors or leaders have to confront sin, there are two common reactions; repentance or rejection. One: **repentance**. The heart that is quick to truly repent and turn away from their sin is a heart after God. No one is perfect, but the heart after God will always seek repentance and holiness. We may all struggle to give things over to the Lord, but as soon as we truly make that decision in our hearts, the blood of Jesus is more than enough to remove that which defiles us.

The second reaction: **to run away** from God, run away from the church or from the minister. They may see their sin, but they still love the things of this world more than they love God. They run because they are not yet ready to crucify their flesh and live a life that honors God. Many people run from God several times before they truly give their whole heart to the Lord. Most people run because they feel guilty in their sin.

The third reaction is less common. **If sin is confronted and the person neither repents nor runs, then this may be an indicator of an evil heart that refuses repentance.** When someone refuses repentance, but continues to remain in the church, they may be sent there by the enemy to kill, steal and destroy (*John 10:10*).

Many with a strong mercy gift have a hard time understanding that anyone could truly have an evil heart. The word says that every one of us have an evil heart. ***“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9.)*** So many have such big hearts, they do not see that there could be hidden dangers; wolves in sheep’s clothing who could hurt the flock.

Let us examine the Word of God regarding those who refuse repentance. They are a tool in the hand of the enemy to harm men and women of God.

There are many across the earth who claim to believe in God, but there is no proof of their relationship with God. We call this the “fruit” or character of Christ that should be evident in a believers life. ***“Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths, And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me.”***

Isaiah 29:13. We are allowed by God to judge those inside the church by their fruit; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

According to Isaiah 32:6, the evil heart will do 6 things:

1. Speaks Foolishness
2. Their heart works iniquity / sin
3. Practices ungodliness
4. Utters error against the Lord, accuses God / complains about God
5. Keeps the hungry unsatisfied
6. Causes the drink of the thirsty to fail

What is a reprobate mind?

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a REPROBATE MIND, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” Romans 1:20-32

“Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. [18] For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the ENEMIES OF THE CROSS of Christ: [19] whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.”
Philippians 3:17-19

As Christians we are taught that we have to accept and tolerate everyone. Is this true for an enemy of the cross? For those who seek to cause descension, tear churches apart, and ruin ministries, what shall we do? As the day draws nearer to the return of the Lord, Jesus says the love of many **in the church** will grow cold (Matt. 24.)

*“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: [2] For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, [4] traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING ITS POWER.** And from such people turn away! [6] For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, [7] always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. [8] Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; [9] but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.”*

2 Timothy 3:1-9

2 Peter 2 - False prophets among the people:

- Many will follow their destructive ways and heresies. They cause the way of truth to be blasphemed. They are covetous and exploit with deceptive words.
- The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.
- They are those who walk according to the flesh, in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed, and not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries and speak evil of the things they do not understand.
- They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you. They have eyes full of adultery, they cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls.
- Their hearts are trained in covetous practices, and they are accursed children.
- These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.
- They speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness.
- They themselves are slaves of corruption who bring others into bondage. For those who were once set free by Jesus, but are again entangled in darkness, they end up worse than they started. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, turned from it. “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, back to her wallowing in the mire.”

Before we discuss these demonic forces, let us be reminded that Jesus has given us all authority and power to trample over demonic powers. *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)."* Satan and all his powers have already been defeated. There is no reason to be afraid. The only fear we need to have is a reverent fear of who God is. *"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)."* The author and finisher of our faith is ruler and creator of the universe, and all things were created by Him and for Him.

How do we identify someone with an evil heart that refuses repentance?

Here are some of the demonic strong men that influence people with an evil heart, and the characteristics you may see.

1. Spirit of Jezebel:

A. The Mature Jezebel – Possessed and Controlled by the Jezebel Spirit

The mature Jezebel has one goal; to gain control of the church by any means necessary. This person wants to murder the prophetic voice and Spirit of God within believers. A mature Jezebel is usually aware of what they are doing, and conceals it to gain power. We have learned from a teaching by **John Paul Jackson** called ***Unmasking the Jezebel Spirit*** that lists characteristics from a more mature Jezebel. They are:

- 1.** They are **Threatened by Prophetic People** and they seek to destroy the ministry or life this prophetic one.
- 2.** They **Target Pastors** or church staff to gain influence.
- 3.** They seek popularity by **gaining influence** with spiritually influential people.
- 4.** They use **Manipulation** to look spiritual by touting false dreams or visions they claim to have. They will do anything to draw more attention to themselves. They long to be **seen as super spiritual**. They will often cry, wail, mourn, shake, or even speak in a tongue of the devil. They want their gifts and manifestation to be seen by all so they seem super spiritual and thus mask their poor self-esteem.
- 5.** They begin with **false humility** when receiving recognition, then, they quickly become **power hungry**. Jealousy will arise.
- 6.** They **Justify Wrong Actions** by claiming "God told me to" or "I'm just obeying God." We must have discernment to identify this.
- 7.** **Claim** to have great spiritual **insight** to church **government and affairs** and elevate their opinion above all others, including the pastor's.
- 8.** They seek a **following of "disciples"** that are drawn to their charisma and will constantly applaud and confirm their actions.

9. Always seek to **pray with people alone**/secluded to avoid accountability
10. They will **seek people to mentor**, which could begin with sound "doctrine," but will soon stray far from the Word of God.
11. They give **false prophecies**, prophetic words that someone "wants" to hear, and twist past prophecies so they appear to have come to pass.
12. They are very **eager to lay hands on people**, and claim they will "tear down walls" that held you back. They claim to impart some special spiritual gift or power, but in actuality, they are transferring demons.
13. **Hidden Sexual Sin** and temptation. Adultery.
14. **Unstable family life**. Constant struggles and drama.
15. **Blatant disrespect for authority and God's order**. She will go around proper channels of authority and will operate "behind your back" or "under the table." They usually find it impossible to submit to her husband if they are married.
16. **Compliments**. Jezebel seeks to "butter you up" with compliments, and then it softens the blow of her deception. Just before Jezebel releases her poison of gossip or dissension, she will compliment the hearer so they are less likely to discern the darkness she is spreading. Jezebel loves to gossip too!

B. The Immature Jezebel – Oppressed by Jezebel Spirit

Over the years, we have noticed some other characteristics of people who are struggling with the same Jezebel Spirit, but it has not progressed or matured into a full-blown Jezebel. Everyone should be able to recognize at least one Jezebel characteristic in their flesh, but it does not mean you are on the way to being controlled by this spirit. An Immature Jezebel spirit will likely have many of the same traits in common with a mature Jezebel. The Immature Jezebel can be just as dangerous and destructive as a mature Jezebel. In most cases, the immature Jezebel believes she is innocent, and that everyone else has committed sins against her. She is unaware that she is being used as a tool in the hands of Satan to kill, steal and destroy God's people.

1. **False Humility and False Repentance** – If they receive strong correction and chastisement, they will not run away from God or the church, as many do when they are corrected. The Jezebel Spirit wants to remain in operation in the church, so it will endure any amount of chastisement. But there will be no true repentance or sorrow for their actions.
2. **Sexual Immorality** – A mature Jezebel may hide their sexual immorality so that she appears spiritual. An immature Jezebel may blatantly share in great detail about her sexual encounters, under the guise of needing help to be set free from lust. They may transfer demonic spirits of lust, just by speaking about

their own lust. If married, they may have a chronic issue of infidelity/adultery to their mate.

3. Dominance – If married, they rule and reign in their home, and are offended by the word submission. Whether married or single, they cringe at the word submission to anything, and it is clear in their life that they refuse to submit to God and His Word.

4. Gossip – Anyone with a Jezebel Spirit will have a chronic issue with Gossip. The main goal of this spirit is to cause dissension and try to discredit the leaders or the ministry. Because of a deep wound and rejection and insecurity, they will try to make everyone else look bad so they will look better. This fuels the gossip.

5. Offense – They will also have a chronic issue with offense. They may consistently confess their offense, but it is only to bring false accusations and cause you to change how you view those she is "offended" at. Even when there is clearly no reason to be offended, they will find some reason to be offended and manipulate the situation to receive pity and mercy from those who are deceived by her. She will consistently be offended at the pastor or other church leaders or staff. The offense is often gossiped to sew dissension. They often have a long story of pain and injury from the last 10 churches they belonged to. They cannot see where they were wrong, but are convinced that the people at "that church" were wrong and wanted to hurt her.

6. Blatant accusation of authority – Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. (1 Timothy 5:19).” This spirit longs to tear the ministry apart from within. They will even seek to cause dissension between leadership if possible. A leadership that does not communicate well or doesn't truly trust each other's character can easily be sucked into Jezebels accusations. And if leadership is not bold in confronting this spirit, it will cause the sheep to lose trust in their leaders.

7. Contempt for authority – When boldly confronted by leaders, she is often unable to contain or conceal her disdain for authority. She may remain calm on the surface, but anyone who confronts this spirit will either be faced with the spirit of hate or murder. When confronting Jezebel you will see this hate revealed "face to face", or you may hear the gossip of this hate later on.

8. Desperate for a position – Even though there is very clear evidence of evil and sin operating in their life, they will demand a position, even throwing tantrums when they don't get the position. This spirit will even twist prophetic words and manipulate situations to prove God has "anointed" them for that position. They will try to convince you how faithful they are in church attendance, or remind you of the prophetic words that were spoken that

appeared to come to pass, and make you feel guilty for not giving them the position.

9. Sew Seeds of Doubt – The spirit of Jezebel will question and accuse God, question God's word, and God's ways. When they do not get their way, they will question God's promises, and they will twist the word of God, leaving you feeling sorry for them. You may even begin to question God's sovereignty, or wonder why God's promises don't seem to "work" for them. You may ask, "Why can't this person just 'catch a break' in life, or in the church?"

10. They drain those who mentor them. They have no respect for personal boundaries. They may question their mentors and argue with them. They make mentoring a hassle. They may beg for help one moment, but then ignore any advice given to them.

11. False breakthroughs or revelations – This spirit does not want to get exposed. Jezebel wants to remain in the church to cause dissension. She wants to stick around so that the person oppressed will carry her seed to full term and birth a Mature Jezebel. Those who confront her or mentor her will be bombarded with false breakthroughs and revelations. Every time a discernment is made that points to exposing and removing this spirit, there will immediately be a false breakthrough or revelation to draw on the gift of mercy that it can remain in operation. When this spirit is on the verge of being exposed, it will even make comments like "You're not going to give up on me are you?" or "I have been rejected so many times. You are not going to reject me are you?" The saddest thing is, that this person really does feel a great deal of rejection, but they do not realize that Jezebel is using her as a tool to destroy God's people.

12. Self-doubt – This spirit will manipulate you in a way that will cause you to question your own decisions, even when you know you didn't do anything wrong. They use guilt and pity to twist situations and cause you to second guess yourself... ESPECIALLY when correcting them.

13. Unsuccessful Deliverance. Deliverance teams my attempt deliverance several times, and then be engaged in a long, drawn out, frustrating version of deliverance. The evil heart that refuses repentance cannot be delivered. Only when they are willing to finally repent and turn from their wickedness can they be saved. Many times you will see spirits or religion, theatrics, witchcraft, and more specifically Python.

If an immature Jezebel is left in the church and not removed, she will mature and attempt to destroy the church from the inside.

2. The Python Spirit:

A. A Witch who Practices True Witchcraft:

1. **Spells and Curses** - There are actual witches who cast spells and speak curses to harm people and churches. Witchcraft is real, but is already defeated by Jesus. Curses cannot harm believers who take authority over witchcraft.
2. **Manifestations** - You can sometimes identify a true witch in a worship service by strange body movements and strange tongues. Yes, there are many times that the Holy Spirit will manifest in very strange ways. But this kind of manifestation will cause those with discernment to identify these movements or tongues as being from the enemy. Many times these movements will seem very sexual in nature, and will make everyone feel uncomfortable.

By David Wilkerson - March 5, 1990 – "A number of converted witches are going about the country today, warning that Satanists and practicing witches are infiltrating the church -- especially charismatic churches. Some of these former witches have authored books telling of a diabolical plot by evil witches to enter congregations posing as super-spiritual Christians. Their purpose is to deceive and shipwreck pastors and to lead multitudes of naive believers into occult worship. Many of these evil witches, they say, are already firmly established in numerous churches, controlling both the pastor and congregation and causing great confusion, wickedness, divorce -- even death. We have received many letters in our office from people who say they believe their pastor must be under some kind of demonic influence -- and I believe many of these letters are very legitimate." (<http://www.tsculpitseries.org/english/1990s/ts900305.html>)
THESE witches have both the JEZEBEL and PYTHON spirit.

B. Religious Person with the Spirit of Witchcraft.

1. **Witchcraft is rooted in rebellion** (see 1 Samuel 15:22-23). Some people with this spirit are almost incapable of going by the rules or honoring authority.
2. **Pythons suffocate their victims.** This spirit suffocates the very breath of God. It wants to choke out the word of God.
3. **Pythons twist scripture to justify strange rituals: Religious Witchcraft.** It may be hard sometimes to distinguish a prophetic act from an act of spiritual witchcraft. Many times, the Lord will ask us to step out in faith by doing a physical act that lines up with a spoken prophetic word. Spiritual witchcraft usually involves stepping out of the boundaries of proper authority given by God, or twisting a scripture to manipulate God's way of doing things. It will look as though it could be scriptural, but will actually open the door for a flood of demonic oppression or possession.

A few examples of Religious Witchcraft:

1. New Age practice of recreating a past event for "inner healing". Jesus is perfectly capable of healing the most inner depths of pain without us having to imagine the event and recreate a "new" memory to replace the old one. This is witchcraft.
2. Prophesying by reading someone's tattoos (this is similar to palm reading). Why not just hear the voice of the Lord?
3. Driving stakes in the ground to take authority over a territory. Physical territory is given to us to rule in the spirit realm as we grow and are ready to receive it. Jesus never came against the king demonic principalities over a city or region. He shook the dust off of His sandals. King demons will not be removed until the leaders of the city repent and renounce evil. When you attack these king spirits they then have authority to injure you or even destroy you. Do not wage war in the 2nd or 3rd Heavens. Though we are seated in Heavenly places, we have only received a partial fulfillment of that. The only realm we currently have charge over is the 3rd Heaven where we live. We have all power over the demons when they operate in our realm.
4. Using the name of Jesus, the cross, anointing oil or other Christian items as a good luck charm. The only thing that gives us authority in the spirit realm is intimacy with Jesus Christ. You can not live life like the devil in your private time and then expect these spiritual weapons to work for you.

3. False Presence of God, False Spirit or False Anointing:

- A. The false anointing mimics the real anointing, but leaves the believer feeling confused, dirty, oppressed or physically ill. It can feel heavy or weighty like the Anointing of Jesus, but those with discernment will be able to tell the difference.
- B. This false anointing follows or partners with the spirit of Jezebel and Python spirit.
- C. The false anointing comes when a person or congregation has been deceived by Jezebel or Python and has given themselves to compromise and corruption. The false anointing can be carried by one person, but also can manifest over an entire congregation.
- D. Someone carrying this false anointing may claim to perform many healings and miracles, or brag about how powerful their "anointing" is, but these manifestations are coming from the devil. Keep in mind, mediums that can predict the future with accuracy are hearing facts from the enemy, and so are those in the church with Jezebel or Python.
- E. At first glance they may look legit, but Satan masquerades as an angel of light.

4. Spirit of Religion:

A Jezebel spirit will appear religious and can be very deceiving. It is important to understand that there is a demonic principality of religion.

- A. God does not want your religion. He wants intimacy with you. Many who struggle with a demonic spirit of religion will be more susceptible to other demonic oppressions, including Jezebel and Python.
- B. Many with this spirit engage in heated arguments about scripture or doctrine that often end friendships and offend many. If someone disagrees with their doctrine, a fleshly anger will manifest. It is important to walk away from angry arguments about the Word. ***“But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.” (Titus 3:9-11)*** The enemy will send people into the congregation, specifically to cause arguments over doctrine. They will even interrupt sermons or teachings to start arguments with pastors and teachers.
- C. Many with this spirit have a “Holier than thou” attitude, and they wound many people. Instead of helping people, they end up hurting them because they do not operate in love. They usually are living in unforgiveness and bitterness.
- D. The spirit of religion leads to church splits and dissension.

An evil heart that refuses repentance will use the mercy of believers and church leadership against them. In many cases, we are unable to operate in the authority that God has provided, because we have been manipulated through our own mercy. There is a time for mercy, and there is a time for justice. Leaders of a church must be bold and stand up for truth, in Love, refusing to bow to these spirits. Sometimes it seems like it would be easier to just let these spirits have their way, but in the end, they will always want more.

How must we handle those with an evil heart that refuse repentance?

Matthew 18:15-17 gives us a protocol for this. First, we must go to the person one-on-one. Second, we confront them with a few people who can be trusted. If this doesn't work, then we bring them before the church to be held accountable. At this point, we must treat them as a pagan, removing them from the fellowship. Of course, it is never our heart to have to remove someone. In most cases, when someone has been corrected a few times, they either straighten up or they run away. Anyone who refuses to do either one of those is sent there by the enemy to cause descension.

How do we reconcile this with all the scriptures on forgiveness?

We must never let our hearts grow bitter with unforgiveness towards these people. Forgiving someone does not mean you allow them to continue hurting the church. As leaders we have a job to protect the flock. If the leaders have had to remove someone without you knowing it, or even confront someone openly before the entire church, we need to trust you will not be offended. We need to know that you trust the leadership, that you trust we have done everything we can to set that person free and help them, but they have refused it.

One of the tactics of an evil heart that refuses repentance is to keep this extreme level of darkness hidden. They may share an offense with one or two people, but then they will make them promise not to tell. The only way to stop this spirit is to expose it. This hidden darkness cannot be tolerated. These evil spirits look for an atmosphere of secrecy and gossip. If a congregation is not properly trained, it leaves a door open. When a leader has to discuss those who have caused dissension to teach or correct, it is not gossip.

As leaders, we should never broadcast this information to the congregation or try to defend ourselves publicly. Many in the congregation are very innocent hearts, and this type of information can damage their beautiful spirit. Often times, these sweet hearts are the target of gossipers. If gossip is spread, and a believer comes to a leader with questions, we are allowed to tell the truth about the situation to protect them and reassure them. We need the entire congregation to be very bold with this issue.

IF SOMEONE COMES TO YOU WITH GOSSIP, take them DIRECTLY TO THE PERSON INVOLVED. IF THEY REFUSE, immediately TAKE THE MATTER TO LEADERSHIP.

You cannot be afraid to hurt their feelings. That demonic spirit is attempting to plant a seed of evil in you, and you must go to your leaders so they can pray with you and also address the drama.

“[1] It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! [2] And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. [3] For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. [4] In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, [5] deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. [6] Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? (1 Corinth. 5:1-6).”

Chastisement by name – the apostles were not afraid to openly rebuke or chastise people by name in situations where it would protect the flock from dissension or false doctrine.

1 Timothy 1:18-20 – *“Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.”*

Galatians 2:11 – *“Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed.”*

2 Thess. 3:14-15 – *“(make) note (of) that (lazy) person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.”*

2 Timothy 1:15 - Phygellus and Hermogenes mentioned by name.

2 Timothy 2:16-17 – *“But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort.”*

2 Timothy 4:10 – *“Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world,”*

2 Timothy 4:14 – *“Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words. At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.”*

As the days grow darker, and these spirits operate more freely, ministers will need more freedom to release names and information about certain situations to protect the congregation.

How does the End time church deal with Jezebel, or the evil heart that refuses repentance?

As the Spirit of the Lord increases in the Earth we will also see an increase in the demonic. We cannot allow these spirits to gain any level of control, and we cannot tolerate their works in the church.

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: [19] ‘I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*

[20] ‘Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. [21] ‘And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. [22] ‘Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. [23] ‘I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. [24] ‘Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. [25] ‘But hold fast what you have till I come. [26] ‘And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

[27] ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels’— as I also have received 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.”

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Revelation 2:18-29