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“Thyatira”
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Today, we turn to the letter to the church in **Thyatira**.

Revelation 2:18b

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Like the first and third letters, this is a letter of both **commendation** and **condemnation**.

The church of today **learns** from this church of long ago.

Jesus **commends**.

Revelation 2:19

I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

He commends the church’s **deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance**, and “that you are **now doing more than you did at first**”.

Jesus **condemns**.

Revelation 2:20

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.

He condemns the church’s **tolerance** of sexual **immorality** and compartmentalized **faith**.

Perhaps the most stirring phrase of the whole letter comes in **verse 23**.

Revelation 2:23b

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.

“I am he who searches hearts and minds.”

What does Jesus find in our **hearts and minds** today?

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.