

OUTLINE AND PRINCIPLES Rev. 2:18-29 THYATIRA

OUTLINE:

I. JESUS' WORDS OF INTRODUCTION AND PRAISE FOR THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA

Rev. 2:18-19

II. THE WORDS OF JESUS WARN AND PROMISE THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA Rev. 2:20-29

BASIC BIBLE TRUTH / DOCTRINE: IDOLATRY

In the OT the word “idol” means “vanity” (Jer. 14:22, 18:15); idols were made of wood, stone and precious metal (Isa. 40; Jer. 10). While such idols continued into NT times, especially in Greek culture, the NT also recognizes that **anything treasured more than God is an idol**. In Romans 1:11-25, **idolatry is a sin against God and an idolater is a slave to whatever has taken the place of God**.

An idol is something within creation that is inflated to function as a substitute for God. It may be an object, a person, an activity, a sport, a role you play, an institution or organization, an idea, a pleasure, a hero, your family, your work, even your work for the Lord—anything that can become a substitute for God. It doesn't have to be a full-sized replacement for God; **it may be only a part of your life**. **Idolatry isn't necessarily a denial of God or His existence.** An idol may be a perfectly good thing in its own right. **As soon as loyalty to anything or anyone leads us to disobey God, we are in danger of making it an idol.**

PRINCIPLES:

NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM THE EYES OF GOD TO WHOM WE MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT.

GOD'S WORD IS TRUE AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

GOD DETERMINES THE TIME ALLOWED FOR REPENTANCE.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR SIN AND DISOBEDIENCE.