

OUTLINE & BLURB

INTRO: REVELATION...

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Message #4: Start At Home PERGAMUM —part 3 of 8

Blurb: Buying the lies of popular culture can trip you up and distract you from the MAIN THING. It's important to know and live the truth of the Bible. The real truth will set you free. KNOW TRUTH?

INTRODUCTION:

Write this to Pergamum, to the Angel of the church. The One with the sharp-biting sword draws from the sheath of his mouth—out come the sword words:

"I see where you live, right under the shadow of Satan's throne. But you continue boldly in my Name; you never once denied my Name, even when the pressure was worst, when they martyred Antipas, my witness who stayed faithful to me on Satan's turf.

"But why do you indulge that Balaam crowd? Don't you remember that Balaam was an enemy agent, seducing Balak and sabotaging Israel's holy pilgrimage by throwing unholy parties? And why do you put up with the Nicolaitans, who do the same thing?

"Enough! Don't give in to them; I'll be with you soon. I'm fed up and about to cut them to pieces with my sword-sharp words.

"Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I'll give the sacred manna to every conqueror; I'll also give a clear, smooth stone inscribed with your new name, your secret new name." Revelation 2:12-17 (MSG)

PERGAMUM: WHAT JESUS SAYS TO A CONFUSED CHURCH...

Recognize that your doubts grow out of your relationships.

1. RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF THE TRUTH

"His voice a cataract, right hand holding the Seven Stars, His mouth a sharp-biting sword, his face a perigee sun." Revelation 1:16 (MSG)

"God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what." Hebrews 4:12 (MSG)

2. DON'T BUY THE LIE

"I see where you live, right under the shadow of Satan's throne. But you continue boldly in my Name; you never once denied my Name, even when the pressure was worst, when they martyred Antipas, my witness who stayed faithful to me on Satan's turf." Revelation 2:13 (MSG)

Then He says *"But why do you..."* (Basically, He's says why do you buy the lie)

A. WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT SATAN'S THRONE IT'S A WARNING TO ALL OF US ABOUT THE POPULAR LIE.

B. THE SECOND LIE WARNS US OF THE TEACHING OF BALAAM AND THE GRATIFICATION LIE.

C) LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS THE WARNING OF THE PERSONALITY-CENTERED LIE.

#1) One of the greatest lies that come into our lives through relationships is the lie "You deserve better."

#2) One of the most popular lies I hear again and again today is, "God wants you to be happy."

#3) Another lie that you hear a lot today "God wants you to be rich."

3. CELEBRATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

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