

I. Introduction

A brief introduction to the cities of Pergamum and Thyatira

Let us receive the messages given to these two churches as a manual for personal victory

II. Main Body**1. The Letter the Lord Sent to the Church in Pergamum**

1) The appearance of the Lord who sends the letter:

He is the One who has the sharp double-edged sword (v.12).

2) The Lord praises them for holding fast to their faith where Satan's throne is (first half of v.13). Pergamum was filled with many idols, yet they kept their faith.

Are there still places today that are like "Satan's throne," where it is difficult to keep one's faith?

3) They are praised for keeping their faith even when Antipas was martyred (second half of v.13).

Do not be hurt by outward appearances or circumstances; look at the essence!

Those who were hurt in the church and left the church

God is unchanging and eternal. Fix your eyes on the unchanging God (Hebrews 13:8).

4) The Lord rebukes those who follow the teaching of Balaam (vv.14-15).

What is the teaching of Balaam? (Numbers 22-25)

Even today, we can easily fall into the teaching of Balaam (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

5) Exhortation and warning to the church in Pergamum (v.16)

6) The reward and promise given to the one who overcomes (v.17)

The hidden manna: eternal life

The white stone with a name written on it: qualification to enter heaven

2. The Letter the Lord Gave to the Church in Thyatira

1) The Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze, sends the letter (v.18).

2) They are praised because their later deeds are greater than their first deeds (v.19).

3) They are rebuked for being led astray by Jezebel into sexual immorality and idolatry (v.20).

A saying of the early church father Tertullian

Worshiping idols for the sake of making a living can never be justified.

4) A warning given to those who do not repent (vv.21-23).

Illustration: Testimony of Pastor Mingi

5) The concept of the Remnant — the story of the Remnant (vv.24-25).

The remnant are those who keep their faith to the end despite all kinds of temptations and persecution.

What are the four things the remnant must keep?

In this sense, the life of faith is like a marathon.

The story of John Stephen Akhwari, who finished the race in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics
Paul also finished the marathon of faith (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

6) The reward given to those who finish the race of faith to the end (vv.26-28)

III. Conclusion

Even though the world changes and various persecutions, sufferings, and temptations may come, let us keep our faith to the very end!

Bible Memorization	A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:17, ESV)						
Bible Reading	2/2(Mon)	2/3(Tue)	2/4(Wed)	2/5(Thur)	2/6(Fri)	2/7(Sat)	2/8(Sun)
	Exodus 14-16	Exodus 17-19	Exodus 20-22	Exodus 23-26	Exodus 27-29	Exodus 30-32	Exodus 33-35
QT	Quiet Time Passage						
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	Matthew 9:14-26	Matthew 9:27-38	Matthew 10:1-15	Matthew 10:16-33	Matthew 10:34-42	Matthew 11:1-19	Matthew 11:20-30
Sharing Questions							

1. Share one thing from today's sermon that gave you new insight or grace.
2. The believers in Pergamum were praised for keeping their faith even after witnessing the martyrdom of their leader Antipas in a place the Lord called "where Satan's throne is." If you have experienced victory by keeping your faith without stumbling despite seeing the faults or wrongdoings of other believers or the church, please share.
3. For what reason was the church in Thyatira praised? Discuss why and how important it is that love, faith, service, and perseverance increase more and more over time.
4. In the church of Thyatira, there were remnants who did not fall into Jezebel's temptation and kept their faith to the end. Take turns sharing your own resolve and commitment to finish the race of faith—like a marathon—without wavering.