

## *Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 51*

### *The Letter of Jesus to the Church in Thyatira Part 3*

#### *And I will Kill her Children with Death*

*“18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (Revelation 2:18-29 KJV)*

*“21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.” (Revelation 2:21 KJV)* God gave space of time to those in the church of Thyatira, to those false teachers, and to those who were adopting the ways of Jezebel to repent of their sins. Usually the Lord before He will bring His judgment on those who sin, He will give them enough and ample time to repent and renounce their wrong doings and their sins, *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9 KJV)* God sent His Word of Judgment once again on Ahab and on his wife and on his house and pronounced judgment on them through the prophet Elijah after they killed Naboth and his sons. *“17 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, 22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin. 23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. 24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.*

*25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. 28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.” (1 Kings 21:17-29 KJV)* Elijah told Ahab what sins he did, that he killed and he took possession of someone else property and told him all the evil that he did. He told also what is going to happen to him. After Elijah delivered the heavy message to Ahab he repented with prayer and fasting and sackcloth. *That is why we need to obey God and send his Word of judgment to those who sin against God; who knows they might repent and renounce their sins and correct their ways even for a while.*

Finally, if there is no repentance the curse of God will fall on them, and He will execute judgment on them who follow Jezebel and her evil doings. Truly and finally the Lord dealt with Ahab and his house. Ahab who kept himself surrounded by the false prophets was mislead by the false prophets to go to the battle, *“Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.” (1 Kings 22:6 KJV)* He was misled by the false prophets who were allowed to stay around him. These were the four hundred prophets of the groves, who condoned the sin of the people and allow them and give them the permission to do what they want to do. Finally Ahab was killed in a battle with the Syrians and the dogs licked his blood, *“37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.” (1 Kings 22:37-38 KJV)* So here the Lord is very particular to use the sin and sinful course that those sinful workers are choosing, for their punishment. Ahab surrounded himself by false prophets therefore the Lord used the false prophets to mislead him and caused him to be put to death and his army and the power of Israel to be broken. *That is why you need to be very careful of what kind of people that you are keeping around you. If you are wicked and surrounded by wicked people, then the Lord will use them to discipline you, punish you and put you down.*

Further judgment fell on Ahab's children, and on Jezebel and as the following:

1. Ahaziah the son of Ahab was put to death by accident, *“1 Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. 17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.” (2 Kings 1:1-2,17 KJV)* *It is very terrible when you adopt the ways and the teaching of Jezebel, that will bring death to your children, descendants and disciples.* This will come when you adopt immoralities in the form of allowing the phenomena of dating, courting, boyfriend, girlfriend even from a distance because it is lust in the heart. In addition to that, the extramarital affairs, live-in

relationship, allowing single father and single mother to marry other partner and not the father or the mother of her or his child, divorce and remarriage, as well as allowing and teaching to eat food offered to idols and allowing that to enter God's church as we described in the form of celebrating of birthdays, Christmas, New year, Halloween with the skull symbols, Valentine, Father day, Mother day, Woman day, etc. Also the make up, the indecent dress, the rebelliousness which is witchcraft, and the spiritual adultery in worshipping other gods through disobedience to God's Word.

2. Joram the son of Ahab was put to death by Jehu, ***"21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? 23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him; 26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD."*** (2 Kings 9:21-26 KJV) See God how revenged by putting Joram the son of Ahab to death in the same place that Ahab killed Naboth and his sons. Jehu was with Ahab and he heard the message of the Lord against the house of Ahab through the prophet Elijah.

Jesus said about the church in Thyatira, ***"and she repented not"*** (Revelation 2:21 KJV), that is why He allowed His judgment and curses to come on the life of Jezebel.

One of the most difficult things for parents to face is when their children die before them. Certain times this may happen and God allowed that to happen to bring His judgment on the parents. I am not telling that every time children dies before the parents that God is punishing the parents but it might be the judgment of God on the wicked parents who do and practice the very things that Jezebel was promoting and doing.

You may ask then what Ahab gained when he repented? God allowed him to die then he put his children to death, but Jezebel witnessed the death of her children. Jezebel never repented, that is why Jesus when He spoke about the church of Thyatira He mentioned the name Jezebel.

God will judge the sin of the believers more severely than the same sin of the non believers. Some they will say, that many are doing the same why then God is not punishing them as He is doing to me? Once you know the truth you are more accountable than those who do not know.

Here with the death of the two sons of Ahab God brought His judgment on the house of Ahab and on Jezebel who worked havoc in the Kingdom of God.

3. The death of the 70 sons of Ahab who brought up by the elders of Samaria, ***"1 And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto***

***the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying, 2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour; 3 Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. 4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand? 5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes. 6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up. 7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel. 8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning."*** (2 Kings 10:1-8 KJV) God will scatter and destroy the workers and the disciples of such churches who promote false teaching, immoralities, and work out wickedness and havoc in the body of Christ.

4. Jezebel was put to death as God announced through His Word, ***"30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. 31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? 32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. 34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. 35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: 37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel."*** (2 Kings 9:30-37 KJV)

Those who work havoc in His church and use the body of Christ for positions and privileges and abuse offices, harm God's servants who not compromise with them and who do not condone or agree with their politics and wrong doings, the Lord knows how to deal with them and execute judgment on them and remove them from the church.

***"22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."*** (Revelation 2:22 KJV) Here the Lord, is pronouncing His judgment on those in the church of Thyatira who are playing church and use the government of the church to extort and abuse the people of God and the ministries of God, and take advantage of the flock under their care, and who allow and promote immoralities and allow feasts and food offered to idols and use the church as auction to their wrong purposes and agendas, and as a source for their living. God announced here that He will cause her to fall into the bed of sickness. This is how God will bring His judgment on such churches in the New Testament that delighted in wickedness. These churches who promote and defile the bed of marriage through

boyfriend, girlfriend, live-in relationship, divorce and remarriage, single mother or single father who is allowed to marry someone else not the father or the mother of her children, extramarital affairs, those who do such God will allow them to fall into the bed of sickness, God will allow them to fall into sicknesses and sexually transmitted disease like HIV, Syphilis and even Hepatitis. Therefore those who are like Jezebel will be ended into the bed of sickness. The bed that she used to defile the ordinance of God, the office of marriage, the same bed will be used to cause her to receive the plague of sickness; not only she but those who were doing the same, her children, her followers and her disciples who do the same of her and agreed with her and live the same life of her, to be consumed by the wrath of God since they reluctantly refused to change their ways and repent of their deeds. ***Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*** So here the Lord promised sicknesses, and plagues to come on those who do such, as well as He promised that they will pass through painful tribulations and troubles so they will be punished and received the consequences of their sins and that painful course is to prepare them to repent, to realize all their sins and mistakes and finally they will have the full chance to come back to their senses and renounce all their wrong doings. God in his great love give a painful and hard discipline to those who err the way and do sin and corrupt the ordinances of God and pollute His Word, and in such troubles that He allow, God is showing mercy on them in inflicting severe pain of sickness and death of the children to bring them to repentance as He did with Ahab and Jezebel and their family who refused to repent.

***“23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.” (Revelation 2:23 KJV)*** Here the Lord clearly said it, that He will kill her children. This is the Word of Jesus, ***“And I will kill her children with death”***, and He will do it. Yes He will do it if the churches of God and the churches of Christ will not repent. It is not only a spiritual death, but a real physical death. God is a sovereign Lord, when He will judge sin and wicked people He will prevail and overcome, and all the churches and the people of God will know and realize that God knows what is going on, what is hidden and He is judging sins and He is able to pay back those who are not willing to repent and mend their ways. There are people who are hard headed, and the only language they will understand is the wrath of God who will bring them to repentance.

***And I will give unto every one of you according to your works:*** The Lord will not allow the wicked to go unpunished.

As you hear clearly the consequences of the sins of the church in Thyatira and how God will send His wrath, the bed of sickness, the tribulations, and the death to their descendants, come now to the Lord in repentance and renounce all your sins that you did wrong as we explained, repent of immoralities, of having affairs, girlfriend and boyfriend, and the rest of the immoralities, allowing feasts and idols of the world to enter the church, using the offices of the church in corruption and for living, harming the true workers and the prophets of God who are doing the ministry faithfully and want to take their ministry by force, extortion and manipulation. Repent and renounce all these sins so that God will have mercy on you and forgive you your sins and accept you once again.

***My dear and beloved:*** Take heed of the message that you received and repent of all your sins that we mentioned above; promoting immoralities, promoting food offered to idols,

greed, politics, murder, taking other people ministry, manipulations, injustice, using the church positions for living, persecuting the true servant of God, promoting make up, painting the faces, using hair style, perfumes, and non decent dress to appeal to the flesh of man to seduce them to do immoralities and to err from faith and offer food sacrificed for idols.

Let us come to Him in repentance. As we meditate on His Word let us renounce our sins and whatever hindrance that take us away from doing what is right and what He wants us to do for Him. Let us do our best to continue to live in holiness, and to continue to focus on the tasks entrusted to us and to do the works that He wants us to do in love, in faith and persevering until the end, until we meet Him in the air and hear from Him, ***“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”***

Let us be alert and discerning of what is going on in the life of our church and ministry. Let us not allow those who promote make up, immoralities, and those who use the church ministry for their own benefit and greed to continue to corrupt others and manipulate them for their own purpose and greed. Let us continue to give the message to whomever God is sending us to. Let us put an end of corruption and immoralities and injustice in the life of our church and ministries. Let us stand firm against all these challenges and to continue to do the various good works and His services in holiness and in purity, and let us continue to clean ourselves, our families, our disciples and the Church of God and be prepared toward His second coming.

***My prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for the rebuke that I received from your Word that revived me and made me understand your will and ways and encouraged me to continue to stand firm against corruption, immoralities, false teachings, greed and manipulation in my service and ministry unto you.

*Confess your sins now to God. Lord forgives me the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ . Repent of flattering, fear of man, compromises, worldliness, lack of service and ministry, and non willingness to perseverance and suffer for Christ's sake.*

*Lord I commit myself to abide with this Word of yours that I receive in this message. Lord I surrender my life and my will fully to you. Lord I commit myself to stand firm against all corruption, greed, false teachings, and the immoralities, the make up, the immodest dress, that the false teachers are trying to introduce into your church.*

*Lord I commit myself to evangelize reaching new people for Christ. Lord I commit myself to do all the good works and the services that you prepared and you wants me to do for you in love, in faith, in patience and in long suffering. Lord give me strength and patience to endure the pressure of the opposition because of your Word. Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit and have me fully to you. Lord give me the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that I can go and serve you and evangelize and reach others and spread your Word and teach those who are willing to follow you.*

*Lord, I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who accepted your Word and are willing to live their lives and serve you and suffer for your Word. Lord protect them and provide all*

*their needs. Lord deliver them from all temptations and the schemes of the devil. Lord work miracles for them and enable them to pass opposition and persecutions, and to endure until you come to take us with you to Heaven.*

*Lord bless us and sustain us as a church. Lord help us, protect us, and provide for us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord give to us more of the Holy Spirit gifts to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the message of the Word of God. Lord protect us from the persecution that the false teachers, false prophets and false church leaders may inflict on us. Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church and fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in Peace with Implementing the Whole Will of God'. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.*

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