

# Revelation 2:12-17 Part II

## HANDBOOK

### Revelation 2:12–17 **ESV**

<sup>12</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. <sup>13</sup> “ ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

## THE CONCERN

### 1. TEACHINGS OF BALAAM

This \_\_\_\_\_ is an Old Testament character.

So Satan gets us to cheat on God in the \_\_\_\_\_ department...

## MEANWHILE IN PERGAMUM...

- There is a group of people following the ways of the \_\_\_\_\_ around them instead of being separate from the world.

2 Corinthians 6:14–17 ESV

James 4:4 ESV

Acts 15:29 ESV

## 2. TEACHINGS OF NICOLAS

- Nicolas was one of the 7 men chosen in the Book of Acts to oversee the food for the widows.

Early church fathers believe the Nicolaitians were a group of believers that believed it was still okay to practice pagan sexual acts, but unto Christ rather than unto pagan gods.

While it may seem foolish to you that they'd be so deceived to believe that pagan sexual acts would actually be acceptable as worship to the Lord Jesus, you have to realize this was their \_\_\_\_\_.

- Worshipping God has nothing to do with \_\_\_\_\_... it has everything to do with recognizing who God is and responding Biblically to that reality.

It is apparent from the Biblical texts that idolatry and immorality always run together \_\_\_\_\_.

- Both of these sins are very similar... they are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Idolatry is \_\_\_\_\_ on God with false gods.
- Immorality is cheating on God with his own \_\_\_\_\_.

The reason they run in a pack together... meaning where you find idolatry you find immorality and where you find immorality you can also find idolatry... they run together because they are \_\_\_\_\_.

## 1. TRUE WORSHIP TO GOD — \_\_\_\_\_ OF HEART

Isaiah 29:13–14 ESV

Matthew 15:7-8 ESV

## 2. TRUE WORSHIP TO GOD — PRESENTING YOUR BODIES AS A SACRIFICE

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

## 3. TRUE WORSHIP TO GOD — GIVING

Philippians 4:8 ESV

Giving your money is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. TRUE WORSHIP TO GOD — GOOD WORKS

Hebrews 13:15-16 ESV

## 5. TRUE WORSHIP TO GOD — A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART

Psalms 51:17 ESV

## 6. TRUE WORSHIP TO GOD — PRAYER

Psalms 141:1-2 ESV

# REAL WORSHIP

John 4:23 ESV

## WORSHIP GOD IN TRUTH

- It all comes back to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Having a wrong idea about who God is... rather it's due to ignorance or intentionality... and worshipping that wrong idea... is \_\_\_\_\_.

## WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT

- \_\_\_\_\_... that's the three most important things when interpreting Biblical text.
- Jesus is saying that the day is here... meaning He is here, when people won't have to worship God at sacred locations, but they can worship him
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It also says "in spirit" not in THE \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit.

- The idea here is it doesn't matter what worship looks like on the outside... what matters is the condition of the \_\_\_\_\_ on the inside.

## THE COMMAND

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<sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

## THE COUNSEL

Revelation 2:17 *ESV*

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