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Jezebel: A Woman Prophet

Revelation 2:18-27



¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ “ ‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.



Revelation 2:18



- **“And to the angel [messenger] of the church in Thyatira write:**

Probably the preacher who would read the letter and provide application.

Revelation 2:18



[These are]

- **'The words of the Son of God,**

**Is this what you
believe?**

**Do you believe these
are the Words of the
Son of God?**



The phrase
“words of the Son of God”
hints at the MOST important
fundamental truth of the NT.



We believe that the man Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified (for the sins of the world), was and is the one and only eternal Son of the one and only true and living Creator God of the Universe and He, Jesus, is ALIVE and coming again.



We believe an angel revealed these words to the Apostle John who wrote down what He was directed, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit to write.

We believe John wrote down the very words of the Son of God.

We believe that God superintended His Sovereign will over the copying process such that all that God wanted preserved was preserved in the copies that were circulated and remained.

We believe we have more than sufficient copies of manuscripts of the book of Revelation that we can say our translation is the Words of the Son of God.



Revelation 2:18



- who has eyes like a flame of fire,

This is is super intentional language.

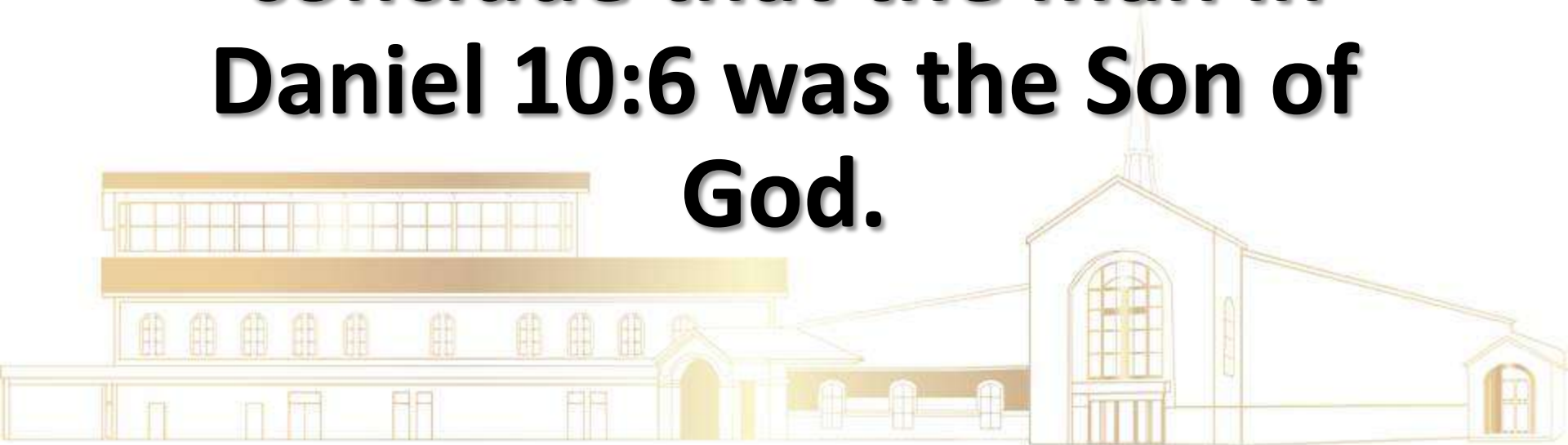
- and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Daniel 10:6

- His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.



**The extreme similarities
between Revelation and
Daniel 10:6 force us to
conclude that the man in
Daniel 10:6 was the Son of
God.**



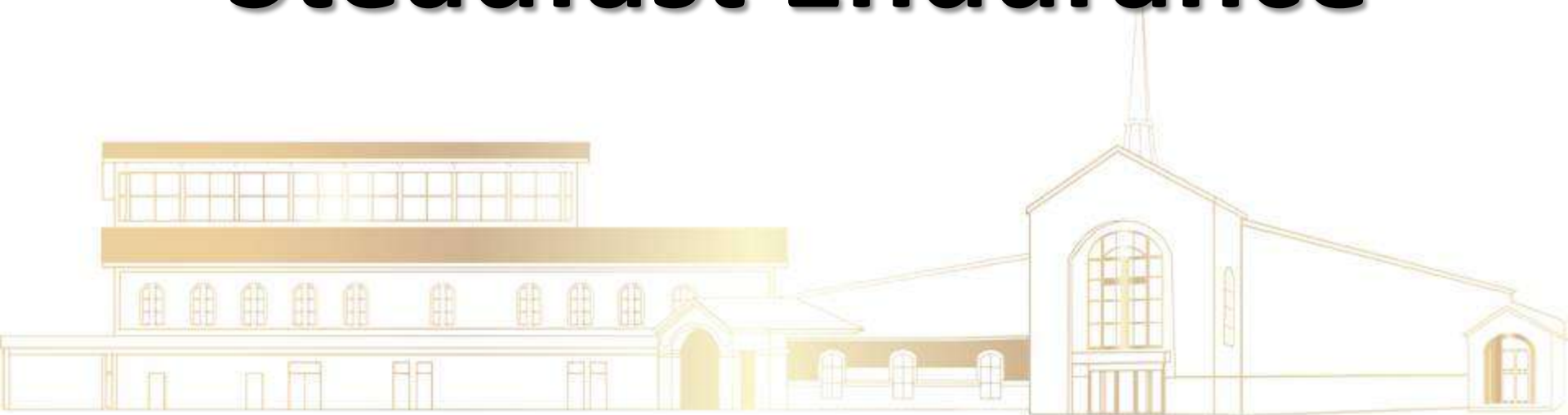
Revelation 2:19



- “ ‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance,

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Love, Faith, Service & Steadfast Endurance



Revelation 2:19



- and that your latter works exceed the first.

Maturing Church

Revelation 2:20



- **But** I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, **who calls herself a prophetess**

**“Who calls herself a
prophetess”
is very strong language
and it calls into
question this self-
ascribed title.**



**Everyone doesn't
agree with me.**



In Revelation, specifically in the letter to Thyatira (Rev. 2:18–29), Jesus criticizes a woman who calls herself a woman prophet—the same word Luke uses for Anna—for “teaching and deceiving my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols” (v. 20). The woman is clearly a leader in the church of Thyatira. But is she a genuine prophet? The prophet Jeremiah makes personal holiness and purity a litmus test for genuine prophecy (Jer. 23:9–40). Jesus, similarly, advises his disciples to expose false prophets by drawing attention to their behavior (Matt. 7:15–23). Unfortunately, the character and behavior of the woman from Thyatira did not meet the litmus test of a genuine prophet. Yet what is often missed is that Jesus does not attack the woman for being a leader, but for being an immoral one.

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Preaching about woman leadership in the church is much like walking on a tightrope over Niagara Falls—it is dangerous!



Disclaimer

**If your mother, aunt,
sister or grandma calls
herself a prophetess you
are probably NOT going
to be happy with me.**



#1

**Unless this woman's name
is truly Jezebel—the name
itself is huge red flag.**



No one names their daughter Jezebel.

Nothing favorable is ever said about Jezebel in Scripture. She is a murderer, idolater, liar, and just plain evil.

One verse from 1 Kings 21 best describes Jezebel verse 25.



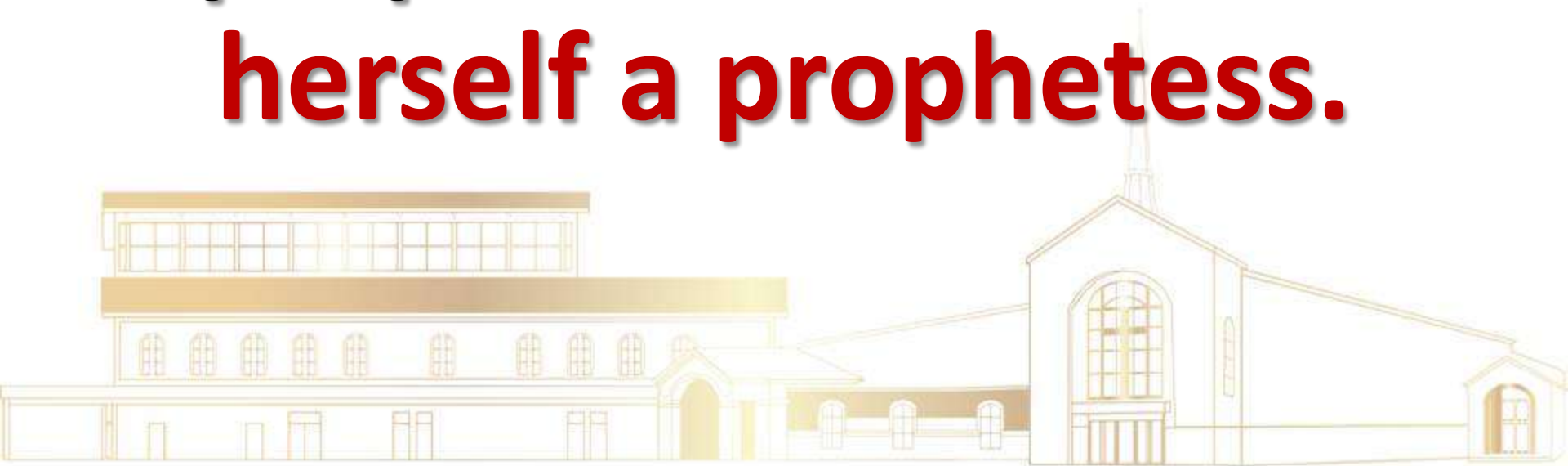
1 Kings 21:25

- (There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like [King] Ahab, [of the N. Kingdom]
- **whom Jezebel his wife incited.**



#2

**Jesus does not call her a
prophetess—she calls
herself a prophetess.**

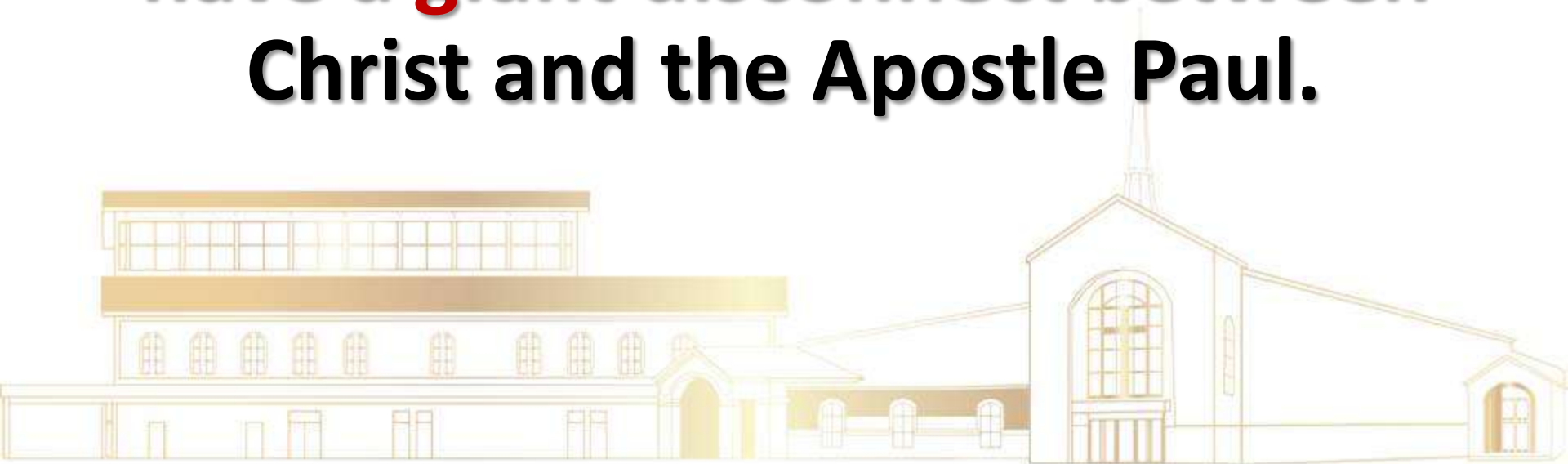


**If there isn't an issue
with a woman being a
prophet in the church—
why does Jesus
mention her gender?**



#3

If Christ is good with female prophets in His churches then we have **a giant disconnect between Christ and the Apostle Paul.**



1 Corinthians 14:33-35

- For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴ the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. ³⁵ If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.



How do we understand 'keep silent in the churches'?

Is it the most literal understanding?

How do we understand 'churches'? Is it the four walls? Is it a corporate assembly?

What if a woman doesn't have a husband?



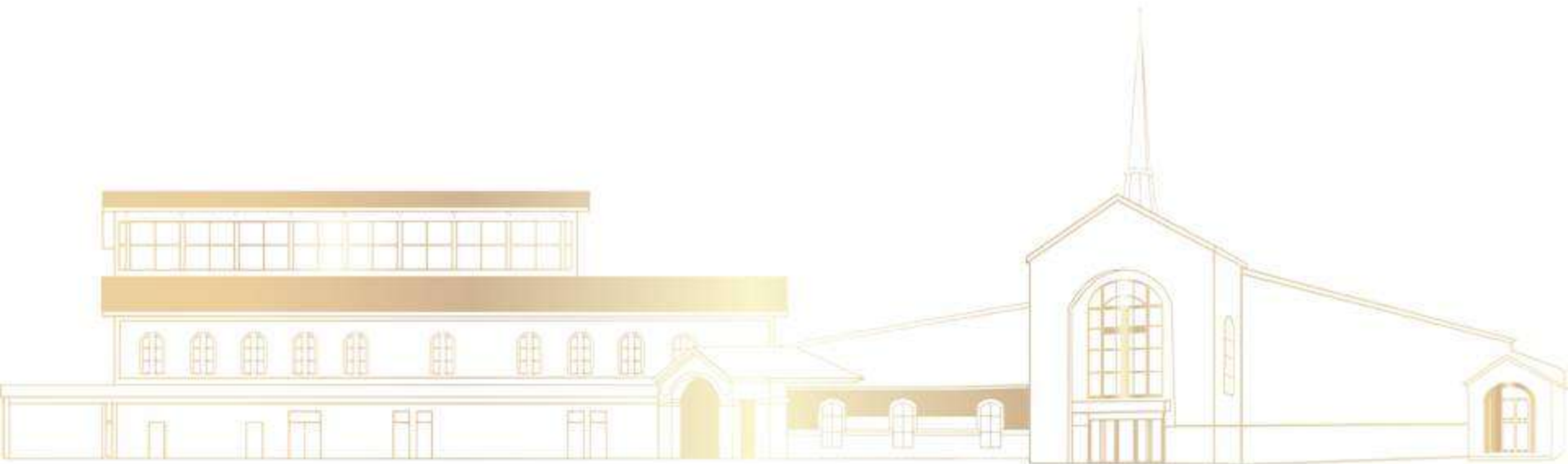
1 Timothy 2:11-13

- Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve;



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**The SAME Paul also says
women are to teach.**



Titus 2:3-5

- Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. **They are to teach what is good,** ⁴ **and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,** ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.



Revelation 2:20



- and is teaching and seducing
my servants to
practice sexual
immorality and to eat
food sacrificed to idols.

1 Corinthians 5:9

- I wrote to you in my letter **not to associate with sexually immoral people—**



**When our friend goes into sexual immorality
we rationalize the behavior in order to mitigate
the sin.**

**What s/he is doing is not immoral
because they love each other.**

**What s/he is doing is not immoral
because they are going to get married.**

**What s/he is doing is not immoral
because their spouse did it first.**



1 Corinthians 6:9-10

- Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral,** nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers **will inherit the kingdom of God.**



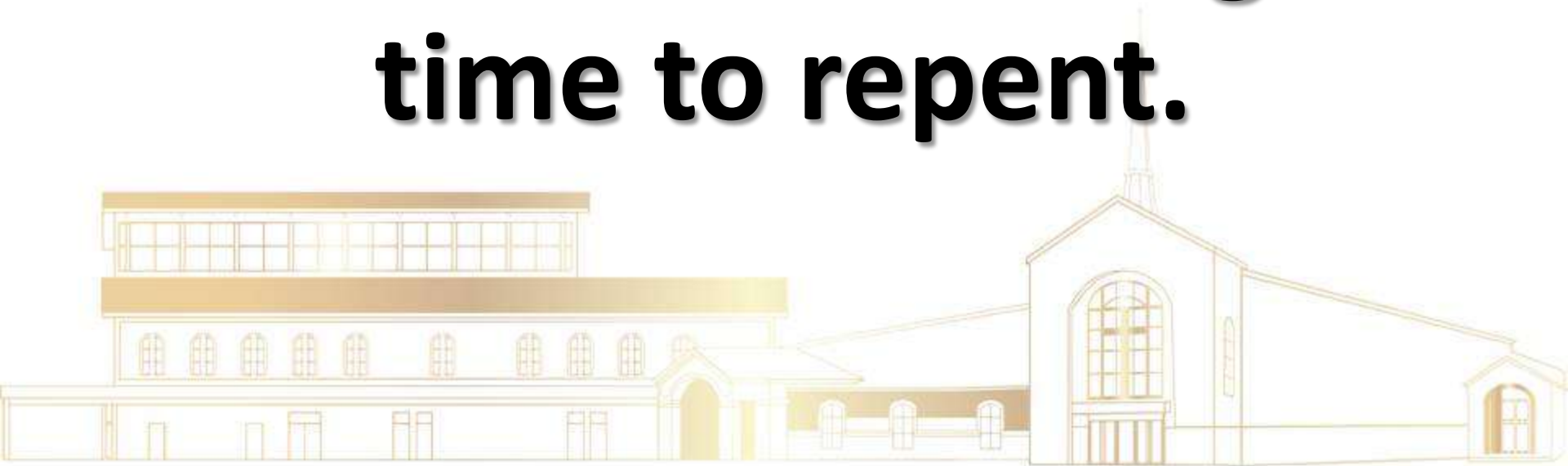
Revelation 2:21



- I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

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**When it comes to
church discipline—this
is what we do—we give
time to repent.**



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What does repentance of sexual immorality look like?



Repentance:

- **Confession of Sin**
- **Total Abstinence**
- **Marriage**



Revelation 2:21



- I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

**Do we feel the same way
about sexual immorality
that Jesus does?**



**Is sleeping with a
man or woman you
are NOT married to
evil to us?**



Revelation 2:22



- Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,

**Is it a mere coincidence that
as women are usurping the
role of men in the church the
church is abandoning all
biblical commandments for
sexual purity?**



**Are you blaming
ALL this on
women?**

Absolutely NOT.



**Jesus is throwing this
woman on the sickbed
because the men of the
church tolerated her sinful
influence.**

How did this happen?





The United States
of College Football

Men focus on what is important and leave the
spiritual development of the souls of their sons
and daughters to the woman of the church.



**In your family, do
sports prepare the
player for adulthood
or perpetuate
adolescence?**



**So it is NOT sports in your
house.**

What is it then?

Promotion

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Mark 8:36

Jesus said:

- For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?



Men,

In your house is mom raising the children and you are along for the ride?

Or is this a joint venture under your leadership?

Do your children consistently hear: “Go ask your mom.” ?

When your wife says, “Go ask your dad.” She is affirming your role as the leader of the home—what do you do with those moments?



Woman Apostles
Woman Prophets
Woman Pastors
Woman Elders

How did this happen?



**1.The abdication of
Biblical roles &
responsibilities.**

2.The Love of Money.



Revelation 2:23



- and I will strike her children dead.

2 Options

Two Options

- 1.Children are Jezebel's biological children.**
- 2.Children represent her disciples—her followers.**





Summary

- **She is being thrown in sickbed to die (or repent).**
- **Those who committed adultery with her are experiencing 'Great Tribulation.'**
- **Jesus is striking her children with death.**



But I thought:

OT God = 

NT God = 

Revelation 2:23



- And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart,

**Is it possible that more of
what we see happening
in the church is judgment
coming straight from
Jesus but we are too blind
to see it?**



Revelation 2:23



- and I will give to each of you according to your works.

**Are you ok with
this?**

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

- ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.



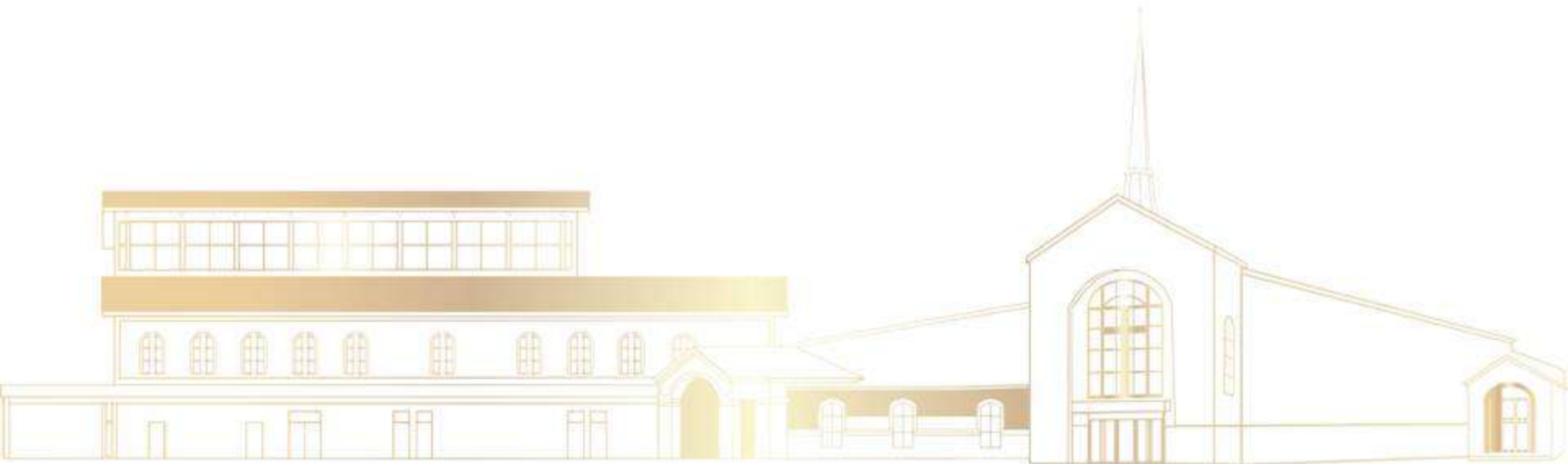
Revelation 2:24



- But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, **I do not lay on you any other burden.**

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**Notice the believer
has but one burden.**



Revelation 2:25



- Only hold fast what you have until I come.

1 Corinthians 15:2

- and by which you are being saved, **if you hold fast to the word I preached to you**—unless you believed in vain.



Revelation 2:26



- The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

Revelation 2:27



- and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.