

WHAT MUST SOON TAKE PLACE



A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

¹⁹ I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

REVELATION 3:19 NLT

**I. A DEEPER LOOK AT THE
FATHER'S DISCIPLINE.**

⁵ And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,

"My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

HEBREWS 12:5-8, 10-11 NLT

⁷ As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? ⁸ If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

HEBREWS 12:5-8, 10-11 NLT

¹⁰ For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

HEBREWS 12:5-8, 10-11 NLT

³ For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine and accurate instruction [that challenges them with God's truth]; but wanting to have their ears tickled [with something pleasing], they will accumulate for themselves [many] teachers

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4 AMP

[one after another, chosen] to satisfy their own desires and to support the errors they hold, ⁴ and will turn their ears away from the truth and will wander off into myths and man-made fictions [and will accept the unacceptable].

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Discipline is a priceless **gift** of **love** from God to us.

II. THE MESSAGE TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES.

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²² "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."

REVELATION 3:22 NLT

THE CHURCH IN EPHEBUS:

Return to real love by disciplining your heart.

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:
[...] ² I know your deeds, your hard work and
your perseverance. [...] ⁴ Yet I hold this against
you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.
⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and
do the things you did at first."

REVELATION 2:1a-2a,4-5a NIV

THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA:

Face your fears by disciplining your feet.

⁹ "I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. ¹⁰ Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life."

REVELATION 2:9a, 10 NLT

Fear **paralyzes** our feet and makes it impossible for us to move. We must get over our feet of fear so we can take steps of **faith!**

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

JAMES 1:2-4 NIV

PERSECUTION = PURIFICATION

THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM:

Cancel your your compromise by disciplining your ears.

¹³ "I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan's city."

REVELATION 2:13–16 NLT

¹⁴ "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. ¹⁵ In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. ¹⁶ Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth."

REVELATION 2:13-16 NLT

Either we line up with the Word of God or the Word of God comes **against** us.

THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA:

Develop your morals by disciplining your mind.

¹⁹ "I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things."

REVELATION 2:19–22 NLT

²⁰ "But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality."

REVELATION 2:19–22 NLT

22 “Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds.”

REVELATION 2:19–22 NLT

THE CHURCH IN SARDIS:

Stop your slumber by disciplining your eyes.

"I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. ² Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost

REVELATION 3:1b–3 NLT

dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. ³ Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don't wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief.

REVELATION 3:1b-3 NLT

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

HEBREWS 12:1b-2a NIV

THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA:

Serve God in obedience by disciplining your hands.

⁷ "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

This is the message from the one who is holy and true,

the one who has the key of David.

What he opens, no one can close;

and what he closes, no one can open:"

REVELATION 3:7-8 NLT

⁸ "I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me."

REVELATION 3:7-8 NLT

THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA:

Turn up your passion by disciplining your mouth.

¹⁵ "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! ¹⁶ But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!"

REVELATION 3:15-16 NLT