

“You Make the Bed That You Will Lie In”

Revelation 2:18-29

Intro: God says that He will cast Jezebel and her followers into a bed. . . For Thyatira, very appropriate imagery – they had the best wool and dying industry around. It was said that their red was brighter and longer lasting than any dyed elsewhere.

I. Jesus is the true _____ (18)

- Eyes like a _____ - searches out
- Feet like fine brass - _____, judgment

As opposed to the deity worshipped in Thyatira, Jesus is the true _____ of _____, who will _____.

II. The Bed of _____ (20-23)

- Jezebel – a _____ (dyed)
- Temptress – unto adultery & _____

The Bed of Tribulation is ‘earned’ by living _____ - Accepting sinful practices as good.

III. The _____ of God’s Side (19, 24-28)

- God _____ the way of the righteous (19)
- Following God is not a _____ (24)
- God’s reward is _____

There was a price in not participating in the culture of sin, but God would more than make it _____.

“Joy: The Sweetness of Life”

Intro: “Just a spoon full of sugar helps the medicine go down. . . in the most delightful way” Truth from a song. What we find in Scripture is that joy is the sweetness of life, joy lifts our spirits, joy helps our lives flow smoothly, and joy takes the edge off of trials. But what is it, where does it come from?

I. Joy is a _____ to circumstances

- Isaiah 35:10, 61:7 - _____
- Matthew 2:10, 13:20 - _____
- Joy comes from _____ things in life.

II. Joy is a _____ of _____

- Psalm 51:8, 12 - _____
- John 15:11, 16:22 - _____
- Joy should fill the believer’s _____

III. Joy is a _____

- John 14:28 - _____
- Romans 5:2 - _____
- Romans 6:10 - _____
- James 1:2 - _____
- Joy is _____ an _____ for us.

Things in life bring joy through their _____ to us, Christ has _____ us and therefore has brought joy to our whole life, and because of God’s promises we know future _____ allows us to choose joy today.

Revelation

Intro:

- I. Son of God, Apollo, fire, purity, judge
- II. Tribulation, false prophet, idolatry, guilds, worldly
- III. Comfort, knows, burden, greater, right

Conclusion:

Fruit of the Spirit

Intro:

- I. Response, good
- II. State, Mind, life
- III. Choice, always, option

Conclusion: Blessing, Blesses, Blessing