



REVELATION

Rev 2:1-7 / Seven Letters to the People of the Way

Call to the Word

Rev 2:1-7



"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,
'These things says He who holds the seven
stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst
of the seven golden lampstands: "I know your
works, your labor, your patience, and that you
cannot bear those who are evil.

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And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

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Nevertheless, I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

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But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

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Seven Letters to the People of The Way

Introduction &
background



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4. The Paradise of God is the ultimate reward.

Introduction / background

Outline:

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- Commendation (vv. 2-3, 6)
- Condemnation (v. 4)
- Recommendation (v. 5)
- Declaration (v. 7)

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Rev 2:1



“It is a very remarkable thing, that the church of Christ persecuted has been the church of Christ pure. The church of Christ patronized has always been the church of Christ impure.” (Morgan)

Introduction / background

“To the angel...”

Angel (aggelos): Angel or messenger (pastor)

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“...church of Ephesus...”

Acts 18-19

*Pastors: Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos, Paul, Timothy,
Tychicus, John*

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Rev 2:1

"...church of Ephesus..."

Commendation s

Rev 2:2-3



...deeds (kopos): to work to the point of exhaustion

"...the kind of toil which takes everything that mind and muscle can bring." (MacArthur)

Commendations / Rev 2:3-4

“...cannot bear those who are evil”

Sensitive to the presence of evil

“... and you have tested...”

Church of Discernment

(Act 20:29-32)

Commendations / Rev 2:3-4

“...perseverance, patience...”

Hypomone': to bear up under

They worked hard at it, and they stayed under the difficulties and persevered – hard-working, relentless, indomitable. What a wonderful church: not lazy, not looking for instant gratification.” (MacArthur)

Commendations / Rev 2:3-4

“...hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans...”

“They abandon themselves to pleasure like goats, leading a life of self-indulgence.”

It has been associated with loose living, immorality, perversion – maybe in the name of grace, maybe a kind of libertine license. But they rightly hated it.”

Commendations / Rev 2:3-4

Condemnation

Rev 2:4



Nevertheless: “...in spite of all this...”

“You have left your first love.”

Jer 2:2

Condemnation / Rev 2:4

“It is my honor, my desire to put your desires, your needs above my own... in your happiness I find joy, your arms contentment... your acceptance wholeness for our love is a compellation... a union of two lives molded into one... a life commitment of tenderness; devotion measured in years, not moments of passion which pass like the night winds...” (unknown)

Condemnation / Rev 2:4

- **Remember:** what it was like, where you left off
- **Repent:** change your mind, don't stay in a spiritual state of lovelessness
- **Repeat:** the first things you did when you first fell in love with Jesus

Condemnation / Rev 2:4

Declaration of Reward

Rev 2:7



“To those who overcome, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the paradise of God.”

Rev 22:2; Eze 47:12

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