1 Summary of last lesson: Pergamum

2 Thyatira

commercially successful city. not politically important numerous trade guilds: bakers, bronze workers, clothing, cobbler, weavers, tanners, dyers, potters

Ephesus hated the practices of the Nicolaitans, Pergamum simply had some among them. Thyatira *tolerated* them.

"I KNOW" is more pertinent for Thyatira, since the Jezebelians were doing their deeds in secret (the 'deep things of Satan'; Jesus 'searches minds and hearts'; Jesus 'eyes like flames of fire').

- Isaiah 29:15

15 Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD, And whose deeds are done in a dark place, And they say, "Who sees us?" or "Who knows us?" 16 You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, That what is made would say to its maker, "He did not make me"; Or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

- Ps 139

1 O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all. 5 You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

- 2 Peter 3:9

8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
1 John 5:1-3

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Matt 23

The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; 3 therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them. 4 They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

‘children of Jezebel’ – the use of the word ‘children’ by John:

- John 1:12 children of God
- John 8:39 if you are Abraham’s children ...
- John 11:52 children of God
- 1 John 3:1 - children of God,
- 1 John 3:2 - children of God
- 1 John 3:10 - children of God vs children of Satan
- 1 John 5:2 - children of God
- 2 John 1:1 - chosen lady and her children
- 2 John 1:4 - your children (meta.)
- 2 John 1:13 - the children of your chosen sister
- 3 John 1:4 - my children (meta)
- In Revelation:
- 2:33 children of Jezebel
- 12:4 woman giving birth, dragon might devour child
- 12:5