

Dear Faithful (of Pergamum)

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INTRODUCTION:

General recap; Pergamum focus.

Five observations concerning Jesus:

He Raises a Sword (v12)

It is sharp.

It has two edges. (Described elsewhere as the Word of God)

He Recognises Loyalty (v13)

The Believers there remained true to His name.

Some committed even to death. (Antipas martyred)

He Rebukes Evil (v14,15)

The sins of Balaam and Nicolaitans:

- Idolatry
- Immorality (Reminds us of the call to Purity within the Church)

He Requires Repentance (v16)

Repentance defined: Action is needed to turn away from sin.

If not, Jesus Himself will fight against them with His sword.

(We cannot afford to be tolerant of those who teach false doctrine)

He Rewards the Faithful (v17)

To those who hear and obey, Jesus will give:

- hidden manna

- a white stone
- a new name

CONCLUSION:

There are eternal rewards for those who stay faithful to Jesus.