

“Our Ultimate Priority: Love”

Revelation 2:1-7

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1 *“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 lamp stands: 2 ‘I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. You have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.’*

4 ‘Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place—unless you repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 ‘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.’”

1. Verse 1.

Revelation 1:20. *“The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lamp stands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lamp stands which you saw are the seven churches.”*

2. Verse 6.

Revelation 2:14-15. *“But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”*

3. Verse 4.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3. *“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”*

4. Verse 5.

Exodus 20:5-6. *“For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”*

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Exodus 34:14. *“For you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”*

5. Verse 7.

Genesis 3:24. *“So He drove out the man; and he placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”*

Revelation 22:14. *“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”*