



## **I. SATAN'S SNEAKY "SIDE DOOR"**

- **When Satan can't defeat me with a "frontal assault" - he will try to sneak in the "side door" deceiving me into to compromising my morals and tolerating sin in my life.**

The devil...has never been truthful...He's a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44 (GWT)

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:15 (NIV)

## **II. THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT PERGAMUM – 2:12-17**

### **1. The Lord's comfort for this church (v.12-13)**

- **I will judge those who harm you**

God's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet, the place where joints and marrow meet. God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions.

Hebrews 4:12 (GWT)

- **I know where you live**

...not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-30 (NLT)

**2. The Lord's compliment of this church (v.9-10)**

- **You have remained faithful and true to my name - even under the threat of death**

**3. The Lord's complaint against this church (v.14-15)**

- **You are tolerating those among you who encourage immorality**

**4. The Lord's counsel to this church (v.16-17)**

- **Repent and stop compromising or you might get caught in the “cross fire” of my judgment**
- **Overcomers will be rewarded with my presence, provision, and privileges for all eternity**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)