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Revelation 2:12-13 (NKJV)

**12**“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write,

‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

**13**“I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne *is.* And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

*3 Things commended of Pergamos:*

*Works:*

# Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

**16**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The purpose of all good works among men is to glorify the Heavenly Father.*

# James 2:26 (NKJV)

**26**For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

*Holding fast to Christ’s name.*

# Philippians 2:16 (NKJV)

**16**holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

*Not denying the faith.*

# Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

**6**But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

*Here we see the absolute necessity of faith and the secret of pleasing God.*

# Revelation 2:14 (NKJV)

**14**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.

*Things condemned in Pergamos: Holding the doctrine of Balaam, eating things sacrificed to idols, committing sexual immorality.*

# 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NKJV)

**18**Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

# Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)

**4**Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

*Holding the doctrine of Nicoltians, the followers of Nicolaus were heretics. They were a sect of Gnostics who practiced and taught impure and immoral doctrines. Such as community wives, that committing adultery and fornication was not sinful, and that eating things offered to idols was lawful. This was similar to the doctrines of Balaam.*