

SERMON TITLE:
"ARE YOU LISTENING!?!"
Part III

TEXT(s):
Revelation Chaps. 2-3

SCRIPTURE

"He who has an,
ear, let him **hear**
what the Spirit says
to the churches."

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17,
29;
3:6, 13, 22:

SCRIPTURE

2:7: Ephesus;
2:11: Smyrna;
2:17: Pergamos;
2:29: Thyatira;
3:6: Sardis;
3:13: Philadelphia;
3:22: Laodicea;

SERMON SERIES:

JAN. 06, 2008:

CONTEXT

JAN. 13, 2008:

STRENGTHS

JAN. 20, 2008:

WEAKNESSES

JAN. 27, 2008:

PROMISES

SERMON POINTS:

=> Review Last Sunday's Sermon;
=> Address the Strengths of Each of the 7 Churches;

SERMONIC POINT #1

REVIEW OF SERIES

CONTEXTUAL REVIEW:

-> *All (7) churches are thought to be on a common road;*

-> *All addressed to the "Angel of the (7) Church..."*

CONTEXTUAL REVIEW:

-> *All (7 letters) define a trait of Jesus;*

-> *All have a distinct adjective/trait for each (of the 7) church(es);*

SERMON POINTS:

POINT #1:

WHO IS JOHN

POINT #2:

WHY JOHN WRITES

POINT #3:

TO WHOM JOHN WRITES

POINT #4:

ABOUT WHOM JOHN WRITES

SERMONIC PT.#1

-> Son of Zebedee (James);

-> close to Jesus at Passover;
(John 21:20... "whom Jesus loved...")

-> Mary's caretaker/guardian;

-> was on the Island...Patmos;

-> for the word of GOD and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

SERMONIC PT.#2

BECAUSE HE WAS
IN THE **(HOLY)**
SPIRIT AND **JESUS**
INSTRUCTS HIM TO
WRITE!!! (Rev.1:10,11,19)

SERMONIC PT.#3

2:7: Ephesus (loveless)

***2:11: Smyrna** (persecuted)

2:17: Pergamos (compromising)

2:29: Thyatira (corrupt)

3:6: Sardis (dead)

***3:13: Philadelphia** (faithful)

3:22: Laodicea (lukewarm)

Rev. 1:11

SERMONIC PT.#4
JOHN WRITES
ABOUT JESUS
(The 2nd Person
of the Trinity)!!!

SERMONIC PT.#4
CHARACTERISTICS
& TRAITS OF
JESUS:
JOHN'S
INTERPRETATION
JESUS' OWN WORDS

JESUS' IDENTFCN.:
REVELATION 1:8:
-> the Alpha and the Omega;*
-> the Beginning and the End;
-> Who IS...WAS...IS TO
COME;
-> the Almighty (Lord GOD);
REVELATION 1:11:
*-> the First and the Last:

SERMONIC PT.#4
JESUS'
IDENTFCN.:
REVELATION 1:17-19:
-> I AM the First and the Last;
-> I AM HE who lives & was dead,
& behold, I AM alive forevermore.
-> have keys of Hades &
Death

SERMONIC
POINT #2
STRENGTHS
(**"I Know Your**
Works):

SERMONIC
POINT #3
FLAWS
(**"NEVERTHELESS I**
Have This Against You):

SERMONIC PT.#2 STRENGTHS

("IKYW):

#1: EPHESUS (2:2-3):

"...labor, patience, & that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles & are...

SERMONIC PT.#2 STRENGTHS

("IKYW):

#1: EPHESUS (2:2-3):

"... not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for MY name's sake and have not become weary

SERMONIC PT.#3

FLAWS ("IHTAY"):

#1: EPHESUS (2:4-5):

"NEVERTHELESS...that you have left your FIRST LOVE. Remember therefore from where you have fallen;"

SERMONIC PT.#2 STRENGTHS ("IKYW):

#2: SMYRNA (2:9):

"I know your...tribulation and poverty (but you are rich);"

SERMONIC PT.#3

*FLAW(S):

#2: SMYRNA (2:10):

"Do not fear any of those things which you...suffer...devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested...be faithful until death "

SERMONIC PT.#2 STRENGTHS

("IKYW):

#3: PERGAMOS (2:13)

"...you hold fast to MY name, and did not deny MY faith even in the days in which Antipas was MY faithful martyr..."

SERMONIC PT.#3

***FLAWS** ("IHAFTAY"):

#3: PERGAMS (2:14-16)

"...you have...those who hold the DOCTRINE of Balaam...also those who hold the DOCTRINE of the Nicolaitans, which I hate. REPENT or else "

SERMONIC PT.#2

STRENGTHS

("IKYW):

#4: THYATIRA (2:19):

"...*love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*"

SERMONIC PT.#3

FLAWS ("IHTAY"):

#4: THYATIRA (2:20-23)

"*NEVERTHELESS...you allow ...Jezebel...to teach and beguile MY servants...I will cast her into a sickbed...kill her children...SEARCHES minds...*"

SERMONIC PT.#2

STRENGTHS

("IKYW):

#5: SARDIS (3:1):

"...that you have a name (reputation) that you are alive..."

SERMONIC PT.#3

***FLAW(S)**:

#5: SARDIS (3:2):

"Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before GOD."

SERMONIC PT.#2

STRENGTHS

("IKYW):

#6: PHLDLPHIA. (3:8):

"...for you have a little strength, have kept MY word, and have not denied MY name...kept MY command to persevere."

SERMONIC PT.#3

*FLAW(S):

#6: PHLDLPHIA. (3:9):

"...I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, *who say they are Jews and are not, but lie* -...I will make them... worship before your feet..."

SERMONIC PT.#2

STRENGTHS

("IKYW):

#7: LAODICEA (3:15):

"...that you are neither cold nor hot."

(lukewarm, placating, accommodating, etc...)

SERMONIC PT.#3

FLAW(S):

#7: LAODICEA (3:15-16)

"I could wish you were cold or hot...because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of MY mouth."

#7: LAODICEA (3:17):

"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-"

#7: LAODICEA (3:18):

"I counsel you to buy from ME *gold* refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white *garments*, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed;"

#7: LAODICEA (3:18-19)

"and anoint your *eyes* with eye salve, that you may see.

As many as I **LOVE**, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."

STRENGTHS

SYNOPSIS:

- love, patience (x2),
- service, labor (x2),
- persevered (x2),
- not become weary,
- did not deny MY faith/name/word (x4).

FLAWS

SYNOPSIS:

- E. infidelity/affinity;
- S. blasphemy (...Jews...are not...);
- S. poverty
- misperception;
- S. fear of persecution;
- P. false doctrine...

FLAWS

SYNOPSIS:

- T. idolatry;
- T. sexual immorality;
- S. warning (...if you will not...);
- P. identify the liars;
- L. lethargic/status quo;
- L. materialistic;

FLAWS

SYNOPSIS:

- REPENTANCE ISSUE:
- E "*Repent...or else...*"
- P "*Repent, or else...*"
- T "*unless they repent...*"
- S "*hold fast and repent.*"
- L "...zealous and

FLAWS

SYNOPSIS:

- COUNSEL:
"I counsel you to..."
- CHASTEN:
"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten "

CONCLUSION

**ARE WE
LISTENING
?!?!**