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### PART 2: UNTO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS

## CHAPTER TWO: THE CITY OF EPHESUS

### VERSE 1

Jesus addresses the church in Ephesus, and the Apostle John is making sure that the readers understand who is sending this message. The angel of the church is a double designation, addressing both the holy angel and the human pastor who was in charge of this local church. This method has been used by God before, as when He addressed the King of Tyrus and Lucifer at the same time in **Ezekiel 28:11-14**.

It is important for a Christian to know that God has dispatched holy angels who are to minister to the believer in Christ. **Hebrews 1:13-14**

That these holy angels have a certain freedom in dealing with us can be seen in **Exodus 23:20-23**.

### VERSE 2

Jesus gives praise for what the members are doing in Ephesus. John did a teaching on this in **1 John 4:1-4** and **2 John 7-11**.

### VERSE 3

The church had been vigilant, labored hard, and had not slacked off. Compare this to **Hebrews 10:16-25**.

### VERSE 4

Jesus points out their shortcoming, ***they have left their first love!*** 600 years prior to the vision to John, God had addressed the same subject through the Prophet Jeremiah. **Jeremiah 2:1-3**

Jesus wants a church that is vigilant and discerning, but not lose the tenderness of the divine agape love, which is the moving force in the body of Christ. **Matthew 22:35-40; John 13:1-15; 1 John 2:4-17**

### VERSE 5

Jesus issues a warning, that unless the members in the church repent of having left their first love, He will remove His anointing on them, which would result in a loss of power and the disintegration of the church. **Revelation 3:19**



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## **VERSE 6**

The church is commended for rejecting the sect of the followers of Nicolas, who had brought his followers into heresy. The Greek name "Nicolas," is the same as the Hebrew name "Balaam," which means "lord of the people." Nicolas, a false teacher, had bewitched his followers and brought them into bondage.

King David expressed his anger toward wicked people. **Psalms 139:19-24.**

The Apostle Peter does not mince words when he speaks of false prophets. **2 Peter 2:1-22**

## **VERSE 7**

The only way to overcome is to be born again, washed in the blood of Jesus, having received Christ as personal Lord and Saviour, and walk with Jesus in love and obedience the remaining days of our lives on this earth. **John 3: 14-17, 15:1-14; Ephesians 2:8-10**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**