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Be Steadfast – Pergamum Revelation 2:12-17

I) The Message Giver V.12

- John write to angel (messenger), to church(es).
- Words of One with “*Sharp double-edged sword*”.
- Revelation 1:16; Hebrews 4:12

II) The Present Challenges V.13

- Jesus aware if hurdles in Pergamum, spiritual battle
- Satanic forces active. (Zeus/Emperor worship)
- Church kept faith despite these.
- Enemy cannot overcome (Matthew 16:18, 1 John 4:4)
- Church steadfast even with persecution (Antipas)

III) Need for Repentance V.14-16

- Confronted for compromise of doctrine/practice.
- *Balaam’s teaching*: (see Numbers 22-25, 31).
- Eating meat of idols & immorality, forbidden by Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:29). Sexual impurity still an issue today, still repulsive to the Lord.
- *Nicolaitan Teaching*: Sexual impurity, Gnosticism
- Jesus’ command *repent!*
- Clear warning. Come against them with sword of mouth. Judgment, showing what is correct. Sin condemns us against righteousness.
- No compromise, steadfast according to the Word. Obey.
- Issue is accepting God’s Word, opposing Satanic ways.

IV) To Him Who Overcomes V.17

- Hear what Spirit is saying to churches
- Overcome!
- Receive hidden manna (John 6:31-35), white stone, new name.

Be born again – turning from sin, accepting forgiveness.

Be steadfast – true to God’s Word, serve Jesus, His glory.

No compromise – overcome temptation, do right.