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1 Timothy 3:15

¹⁵ but if I am delayed, /
write so that you may know
how you ought to conduct
yourself in the house of
God, which is the church of
the living God, the pillar
and ground of the truth.



2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.



Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7

¹ “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: ² “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you



Revelation 2:1-7

cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³ and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.



Revelation 2:1-7

⁴ Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place -



Revelation 2:1-7

unless you repent. ⁶ But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which



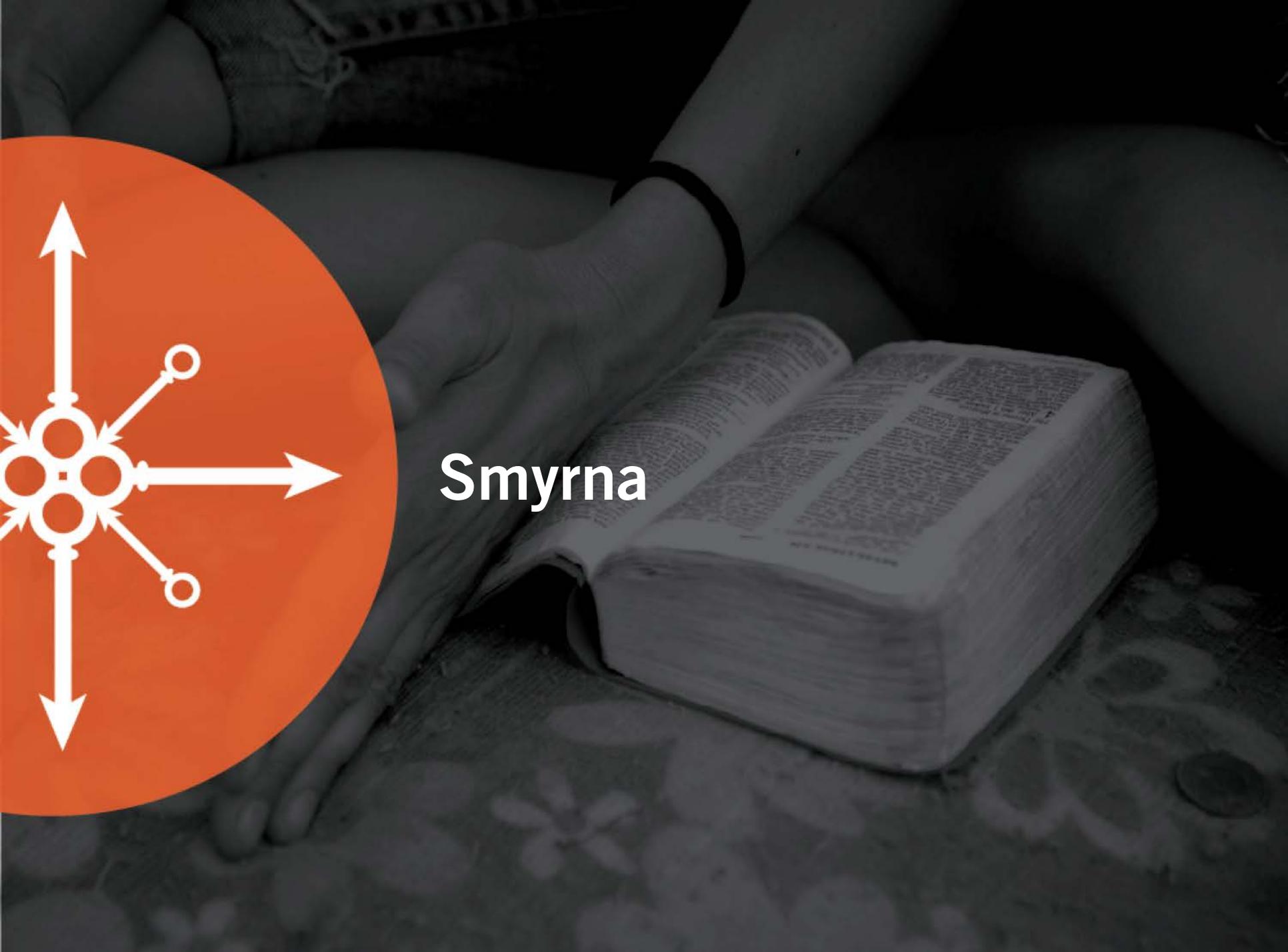
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is in the midst of the
Paradise of God.””





Smyrna



Revelation 2:8-11

⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹ “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews



Revelation 2:8-11

and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be



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faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.””





John 17:15

¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.



Laodicea



Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵ “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or



Revelation 3:14-22

hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

¹⁷ Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable,



Revelation 3:14-22

poor, blind, and naked - 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; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you



Revelation 3:14-22

may see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To



Revelation 3:14-22

him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²² “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”””



Psalm 139:1-4

¹ O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For *there is not a*



Psalm 139:1-4

word on my tongue, *but*
behold, O LORD, You know it
altogether.





Isaiah 55:1

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you who have no
money, come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and
milk without money and
without price.”

2 Corinthians 3:12-15

¹² Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech -

¹³ unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

¹⁴ But their minds were



2 Corinthians 3:12-15

blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.



Romans 3:25-26

²⁵ whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the



Romans 3:25-26

present time His
righteousness, that He
might be just and the
justifier of the one who has
faith in Jesus.



Hebrews 12:3-12

³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. ⁵ And you have forgotten the



Hebrews 12:3-12

exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He



Hebrews 12:3-12

receives.”⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.



Hebrews 12:3-12

⁹ Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed



Hebrews 12:3-12

best to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.

¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who



Hebrews 12:3-12

have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,





Revelation 3:20

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 3:21-22

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