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*These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.*

Revelation 2:18-29

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## Readings

1 Kings 16:29-33

Psalm 2

*Theo Hobson: the three steps of cultural / moral revolution:*

- 1. When that which was condemned is now celebrated.*
- 2. When that which was celebrated is now condemned.*
- 3. When those who refuse to celebrate are now condemned.*

***TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA WRITE :***

**PRAISE:** because Jesus knows, commends and comforts His faithful people <sup>19, 24-25</sup>

*I know your deeds....*

**POISON:** but Jesus also rebukes and judges His “tolerant” and unrepentant people <sup>20-23</sup>

*Nevertheless, I have this against you...*

**PROMISE:** and Jesus pledges His authority and Himself to His obedient people <sup>26-28</sup>

*To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end...*

### Questions For Our Growth Groups

1. What stood out to you most from the message and why?
2. How would you seek to explain our culture's values to a visitor to the UK, and, in your view, is it harder or easier to be a committed follower of Jesus nowadays, and what are your reasons?
3. How should what our all-knowing Lord Jesus says to us in v19, and vs24-25 comfort and empower us to hold onto Him?
4. What Jesus says in vs20-23 is painful, but nonetheless vital to hear. Are we tolerating that which Jesus finds intolerable in our hearts and in His church and if so, how must we respond to Him?
5. How do Jesus' promises to us in vs 26-28 empower us to remain uncompromisingly faithful to Him, whose endless victories for us through His death and His resurrection we celebrate every day?