

# War Against The Remnant Meeting Five

## Prelude:

**Revelation 2:12-17** The message to the church in Pergamos.  
The Compromising Church.

**Revelation 6:5,6** The Message of the Third Seal.  
The Black Horse.

*It could be stated that the primary teaching of the Nicolaitans was that the works of the flesh had no impact or bearing on one's spiritual standing in the judgment.*

*"...over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end." - Hebrews 3:1-6*

*"...And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now he has reconciled in the body of his flesh.... If indeed you continue in the faith." - Colossians 1:21-23*

*In this study, we will consider Christ's example, who though fully Divine, humbled Himself in obedience to the revealed will of the Father, who did His works in Him. In this unbroken relationship between Christ and the Father, we see potential and promise as we seek to submit to the full mediation of Jesus, as Saviour and Lord.*

## CHRIST'S EXAMPLE IN VICTORY

### THE TEMPTATIONS OF CHRIST - Satan's Strategy

*"If you are the Son of God, command..." (Matthew 4:3).*

- **Satan attacks Christ's relational standing with the Father.**

*Revelation 12:10 ; Romans 5:8,9*

*"If You are the ;son of God, throw Yourself down..." (Matthew 4:6).*

- **Satan tempts Christ to take a path of presumption, not faith.**

*Situation ethics was not the guiding principle that motivated Christ.*

*Obedience to the Father's will characterized His life.*

*John 5:19,20 ; John 5:30 ; John 14:10*

*"All these things I will give you, if you fall down and worship me." (Matthew 4:9).*

- **Satan tempts Christ to choose another Master**

*Matthew 16:26*

### THE RESPONSE OF CHRIST - God's Strategy

*"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).*

- **Through scripture, Christ affirmed His dependence upon God.** *Our standard is God's word, not situation ethics.*

*Matthew 4:4*

*"It is written, You shall not tempt the Lord your God." (Matthew 4:7).*

- **Christ quoted scripture as His defence and safeguard.**

*John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth."*

*"It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve." (Matthew 4:10).*

- **Christ quoted scripture and alluded to the Ten Commandments which proved to be His ultimate defence.**

*Obedience is the sign of the Holy Spirit, who will be given in latter rain power to those who obey Christ*

*Acts 5:32. ; John 14:15*

### Postlude:

In the period of church history under study, the message and purity of the gospel was undermined in that salvation was no longer gifted to the individual who placed his or her faith in God alone for salvation, but was dispensed through an earthly priesthood who imposed ritual and works of penance as necessary to secure salvation. Thus salvation was no longer a simple gift of God, but was secured only in combination with traditions imposed by men. A clear contradiction of scripture which declares that "we are saved by grace through faith, it is the gift of God, not of works..." (Ephesians 2:8,9).

Furthermore, we have direct access to the Father who reconciled us to Himself through the cross of Christ.

*"...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them,..."*

**2 Corinthians 5:19**

*"... there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus..."*

**1 Timothy 2:5**

