

Re 2:8-11  
Letter #2 the Church in Smyrna  
“Don’t be afraid of what’s ahead”



**I. Review-**

**II. (Pray, Read, Observations, Unpack & Apply)**

- 8 “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.
- 9 I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
- 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of 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 will not be hurt at all by the second death.

*Initial Observations?*

vs 8 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

8a “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

8b These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

vs 9 \_\_\_\_\_

9a I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich!

Jas 2:5

Eph 1:8

Heb 10:34-36

9b I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

vs 10 A Call to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ given  
10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

5 reasons for suffering as God's children...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ I Cor 11:30-32 Heb 12:3-13
2. Preventative from \_\_\_\_\_ II Cor 12:7 3. The Learning of \_\_\_\_\_ Heb 5:8
4. Produces Godly \_\_\_\_\_ Ro 5:3-5
5. Testing of our \_\_\_\_\_ for God's Great \_\_\_\_\_ I Pe 1:6-7

vs 11a Take it to \_\_\_\_\_  
11a He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

vs 11b A \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
11b He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

As we land...

#### IV. Points of Application...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus knows the troubles you are enduring
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your riches in Christ
3. Do \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ of any suffering ahead of you
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to the great encouragement Jesus has for you
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in the little things