

# Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Sermon Scriptures

**Rev. 2:1 ¶** “**To the angel of the church in Ephesus** write: ¶ **The One** who holds the seven stars in His right hand, **the One** who walks among **the seven golden lampstands**, says this:

**Rev. 1:11-20 11** saying, “**Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches:** to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” **12 ¶** Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned **I saw seven golden lampstands;** **13** and in the middle of the lampstands **I saw one like a son of man**, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. **14** His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. **15** His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters. **16 In His right hand He held seven stars**, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. **17 ¶** When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; **I am the first and the last,** **18 and the living One;** and **I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore,** and I have the keys of death and of Hades. **19** “Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. **20** “As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: **the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches,** and the **seven lampstands are the seven churches.**

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**Rev. 2:2 ¶** ‘I know **your deeds** and **your toil** and **perseverance**, and that **you cannot tolerate evil men**, and **you put to the test** those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and **you found them to be false;**

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**Rev. 2:3** and you have **perseverance** and have **endured for My name’s sake**, and have **not grown weary.**

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**Rev. 2:4** ‘But I have *this* **against you**, that you have **left your first love.**

**Eph. 1:15** ¶ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists among you* and **your love for all the saints**,

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**Mark 12:30** AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

**Matt. 10:37,38** **37** ¶ "He who loves **father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me**; and he who loves **son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me**. **38** "And he who **does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me**.

**John 15:9,10** **9** "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. **10** "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

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**Rev. 2:5** 'Therefore **remember from where you have fallen**, and **repent** and **do the deeds you did at first**; or else I am coming to you and **will remove your lampstand** out of its place — **unless you repent**.

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**Rev. 2:6** 'Yet **this you do have**, that you hate the deeds of the **Nicolaitans**, which I also hate.

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**Rev. 2:7** 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes**, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

**1 John 5:4** For **whatever is born of God overcomes** the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — **our faith**.