

## WHEN THE MESSENGER DOES NOT HOLD FAST TO THE WORD!

- He turns aside from the way.
- He causes many to stumble.
- He corrupts.
- God makes him despised and humiliated.
- He shows partiality in his instruction.



### ■ For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge ...

and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is **the messenger** of the Lord of hosts. But you [THE MESSENGER] have **turned aside** from the way. You [THE MESSENGER] have **caused many to stumble** by your instruction. You [THE MESSENGER] have **corrupted** the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts, and so I make you [THE MESSENGER] despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you [THE MESSENGER] do not keep my ways but **show partiality** in your instruction (Malachi 2:7-9 ESV).

With Christ ... and his Church ...

Yeah, it's personal!



### ■ LESSONS FROM EACH OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

- Christ speaks to every church.
- Christ knows what goes on in every church.
- Christ does not care if your church is outwardly impressive.
- Christ does care about your suffering.
- Christ will tolerate sin in his Church for only so long.
- Christ will discipline his Church including physical death.
- Christ promises amazing rewards to those who overcome.
- Christ calls every church to hear what the Spirit says.

What might God pass on to our "angel"?

Would God even "talk" to us?

If he did, then what might he have to say to Faith Fellowship Church of Tennessee, Illinois?

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy,  
and blessed are those who hear,  
and who keep what is written in it,  
for the time is near.  
(Revelation 1:3 ESV)