

# SERMON OUTLINE

Speaker: Dr Philip Satterthwaite

Text : Revelation 2: 12 - 17

Title : Holding On To The Truth In A Culture Of Lies And Half-Truths

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## Introduction

A 'post-truth' world?

## The Message to the Church in Pergamum

- The Lord's self-introduction (the 'sharp two-edged sword', v. 12)
- The situation in Pergamum ('where Satan's throne is', v. 13)
- The response of the church ('you are holding fast to my name', v. 14)
- The reproach (the 'teaching of Balaam [cf. Num. 31:16]... and the Nicolaitans' vv. 14, 15)
- The call to repentance and warning ('I will make war against them', v. 16)
- The promise (the 'hidden manna' and 'white stone', v. 17)

## Conclusion

'...a number of details whose meaning is largely lost to us... commentary on these features is often highly speculative' (Ian Paul, *Revelation*, p. 87)

Where is the truth under attack today?

What are the equivalents of 'food offered to idols' today?

Where are we tempted to compromise?

The need for courage and commitment.