

Sardis – Reputation Did Not Match Reality

Revelation 3:1-6

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Hypocrisy and phoniness is often difficult for us to _____, but our omniscient God has no trouble pointing it out. We each can likely look in our past and recall those who had a _____ for righteousness, only to see them go down in humiliating defeat, often years later. God wants us to carefully examine ourselves for _____.

A. The City of Sardis

1. Its history

- a. A _____ city for over two thousand years under several empires
- b. Capital city of the ancient kingdom of _____
- c. Croesus was king (his name was a synonym for _____).
- d. An important and _____ city
 - (1). Textile manufacturing and a _____ industry
 - (2). _____ trade
- e. Significant, famous and wise people
 - (1). Thales – first _____ philosopher
 - (2). Solon – a wise _____

2. Its _____

- a. Pagan worship with many mystery _____ and secret religious societies
- b. Magnificent _____ of Artemis
- c. Known for its _____ and loose living

B. The Message from Christ Jesus

1. The possessor of the _____

- a. Allusion to the seven-fold _____ of the Holy Spirit which rested on Christ (Isaiah 11:2-5)
- b. Qualities which _____ the righteous judgment of the wicked
- c. Holds the seven stars (_____) of the churches, who are directly responsible to Christ and must give account to Him alone)

d. _____ is hidden from the omniscient Lord.

2. The indictment and warning to those _____ living in Christ

- a. _____ the things that remain.
- b. Not any of your works have I found _____
- c. Be _____ to the possibility of sudden and unexpected judgment.
- d. Remember, hold fast, and _____!

3. Invitation and promise to the godly _____

- a. Clothed in _____ raiment – the righteousness of the saints, that is their fidelity of character and of service is shown
- b. Their names will not be blotted out of the book of _____.