

**The Church in Smyrna**  
**Revelation 2.8-11**

**The Words of Jesus (v.8).**

*And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ~The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.*

*"Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." John 8.58*

*The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4.18*

**The commendation (v.9).**

*I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan*

*Remember the word that I said to you: A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. John 15.20-21*

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4.19*

*if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 2 Timothy 2.12*

**The advice Jesus gives (v.10).**

*Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

*But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

*Matthew 10.30-31*

*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.*

*Deuteronomy 31.6*

**The promise that Jesus gives (v.11).**

*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.*

*My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand John 10.29*

*But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death. Revelation 21.8*