



## Dear Family in Smyrna

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### **Revelation 2:8-11** Douglas Translation

<sup>8</sup>To the messenger of the church in Smyrna write:

This is what the First and the Last, the One who was dead and came back to life, says, <sup>9</sup>I am aware of your suffering and poverty. However, you are rich! I also am aware of the slanderous things said by those who claim to be Jews, though they are not. What they are is a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not be afraid of the things you will most certainly suffer. Behold! It is certain that the Adversary will throw some of you into prison in order to put you to the test, and you will experience suffering for ten days. You must prove to be loyal unto death! Indeed, I will give the crown of life to such a one. <sup>11</sup>Let the one who has the ears to hear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. The one who prevails will not be harmed by the second death!

**A great church is STEELY in their SUFFERING**

**A great church is WISE to His WAYS**

**A great church KNOWS they are KNOWN.**