# Revelation 2<sup>8-11</sup> From the Protestant Church of Smyrna

Lord's day evening: 6 May 2007 Preacher: Geoff Findlay

#### Introduction

What were you doing on Wednesday, 18 April 2007? Malatya, Turkey - cf Smyrna, Turkey

## 1. Three godly men and their families

Tilmann Geske – German missionary Necati Aydin – Turkish pastor Ugur Yuksel – Turkish believer

## 2. Ten young men and their Tarikat

Five 'seekers' at a 'by-invitation-only' evangelistic service Emre Gunaydin - leader

## 3. The Bible study

They begin Gokhan & his wife arrive

#### 4. Untangling the web

2001: National Security Council of Turkey - Christians & Al Quaida

2005: A meeting – Christians "buy their children's souls"

 $2007\mbox{:}$  "We hope you have learned your lesson."

## 5. The church responds

Tilman's wife, Susanne Ugur's fiancé & family Necati's wife, Shemsa Our response

The Lord knows, and the Lord gives!

#### Conclusion

Pastor Bocek: "Don't pray against persecution, pray for perseverance."



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