

## A CALL TO REPENT

In the book of Revelation, it talks about a church in LAODICIA. They were neither hot nor cold, they were lukewarm. It was a very complacent church and very self-sufficient church, a church that needed no one not even God. They had a wealthy commerce, a textile business and a wool business to make fine clothes that fit in their community of friends and family. They also had doctors medicine and fancy homes, but they didn't have God in their lives. Their churches were a place of social gatherings and not the counsel of the Lord. They were not searching or seeking the will of God or his wisdom. They were seeking their own wisdom. God knew their deeds he said: He said you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either, one or the other, so because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold- I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice

and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches.” Zephaniah 1: 12, 14-16

12) At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on the dregs, who think, “The Lord will do nothing either good or bad.” 14) The great day of the Lord is near- and coming quickly. The cry on the day of Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. 15) That day will be a day of wrath- a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness- 16) a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. This a warning to the churches today. **TURN FROM YOUR EVIL AND COMPLACENT WAYS AND SEEK THE LORD NOW AND REPENT NOW! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** Revelation 12: 12 says... Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil has come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. He is coming after only those who are doing the will of the Father, with a vengeance. Many of my children who call themselves Christians are living like the Laodiceans did. Many will perish because of their lack of

knowledge and their complacency and they have an attitude that they lack nothing, they are self-sufficient, lacking nothing, so they don't seek the Father. They lack understanding of the times that we are living in and they don't see the necessity to be obedient to my commandments. Hosea 4: 6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou have rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. They fail to seek me nor do they think that following my commandments are an act of worship and obedience, so I will cast them in outer darkness (DEPART FROM ME I NEVER KNEW YOU) MATTHEW 7:23 Amplified version

“ And then I will declare to them publicly, “ I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME [ you are banished from my presence] YOU WHO ACT WICKEDLY [ disregarding my commands] Obedience here is the key word and only those who are seeking me and have a humble and repentant heart will have my name written on their foreheads. John 15: 5-6 talks about two groups of people. Those who stay connected to Christ and those who don't. 5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6) If a man abideth not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

1 John 2: 15-17 gives further warning to those who have any dealings with the world. 15) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. God is cleaning his church out now.

Remember the two groups of people:

Proverbs 8: 27 says... Then they will call to me but I will not answer they will look for me but will not find me, because they lacked knowledge. Group1

Group 2 Psalm 4: 4-9 says....4) keep my commands, and you will live 5) Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. 6) Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her and she will watch over you.

7) The beginning of wisdom is this; Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 8) Cherish her, and she will exalt you: embrace her, and she will honor

you. 9) She will be a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.”

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