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Worship Service
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Dear Church: 7 Letters to 7 Churches

Lesson Eleven • Revelation 3:14-22

Dear Church in Laodicea

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Smug self-sufficient APATHY is nauseating to Jesus, but He promises healing to all who will humbly repent and rely on Him.

Danger of Affluence

The greatest danger facing the Church in America is PROSPERITY that deceives Christians into smug self-sufficiency leading to spiritual apathy.

What Jesus Says to the Lukewarm Church

1. Jesus Is Characterized by His DEPENDABILITY!

City-Church Context

Laodicea was a very WEALTHY city, known for its banking center, cloth industry, and medicinal cures.

Jesus' Character

Jesus is the "AMEN, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of creation," meaning He knows us fully and speaks to us truthfully (v. 14).

2. Jesus Condemns Those Who Are DECEIVED!

Jesus' Rebuke

Jesus rebukes their nauseating APATHY: You are neither cold nor hot, and because you are lukewarm, I will vomit you out of My mouth (v. 15-16).

Jesus' Assessment

- The church was arrogantly SELF-SATISFIED: They were economically rich and thought they were in need of nothing (v. 17).
- The church was woefully SELF-DECEIVED: They didn't realize they were spiritually wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked (v. 17).

3. Jesus Counsels Those Who Are DEFICIENT!

Jesus' Counsel

- Rely on Jesus for true spiritual BLESSINGS (v. 18).
- Be zealous and REPENT of your apathy (v. 19).
- Open the door to FELLOWSHIP with Jesus (v. 20).

4. Jesus Celebrates Those Who Are DEPENDENT!

Jesus' Promise

Those who rely on Jesus will enjoy the privilege of SITTING with Him on His throne and sharing in His reign (v. 21).

Takeaway

Consider whether you are LUKEWARM, and then respond accordingly to what Jesus says to the lukewarm church.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
Revelation 3:22