

Laodicean

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Laodicean = lukewarm or
indifferent in religion or politics

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¹⁴And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. ¹⁵I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."

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¹⁷"For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see."

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¹⁹"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

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²¹“The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” —Revelation 3:14-22 ESV

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America

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“Give me liberty or give me death.”
—Patrick Henry

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“I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of
America and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.”

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“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens.”

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“The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked: Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice?”

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“And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

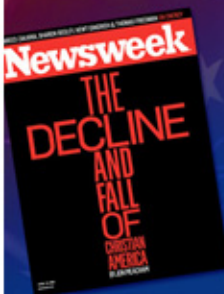
—George Washington, 1796

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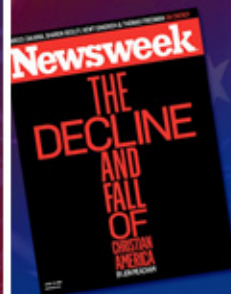
“This is not to say that the Christian God is dead, but that He is less of a force in American politics and culture than at any other time in recent memory.”

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“To the surprise of liberals who fear the advent of an evangelical theocracy and to the dismay of religious conservatives who long to see their faith more fully expressed in public life, Christians are now making up a declining percentage of the American population.”

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“While we remain a nation decisively shaped by religious faith, our politics and culture are, in the main, less influenced by movements and arguments of explicitly Christian character than they were five years go.”

—Jon Meacham, *Newsweek*

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Augusta

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Who do we see as our source of strength?

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“...I need nothing...”
—Revelation 3:17 ESV

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How do we handle the
Word of God?

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refined by fire, so that you may be
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—Revelation 3:18 ESV

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...be doers of the word, and not
hearers only... —James 1:22 ESV

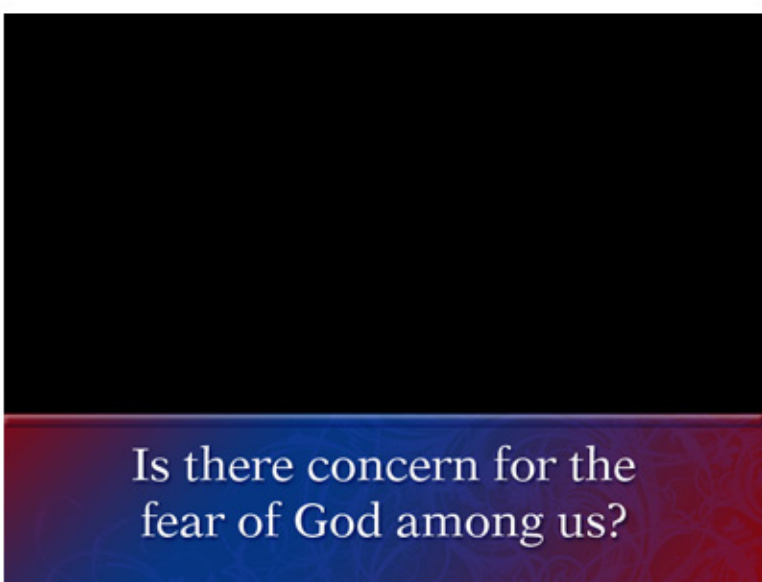
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What will we sacrifice for
the Kingdom of God?

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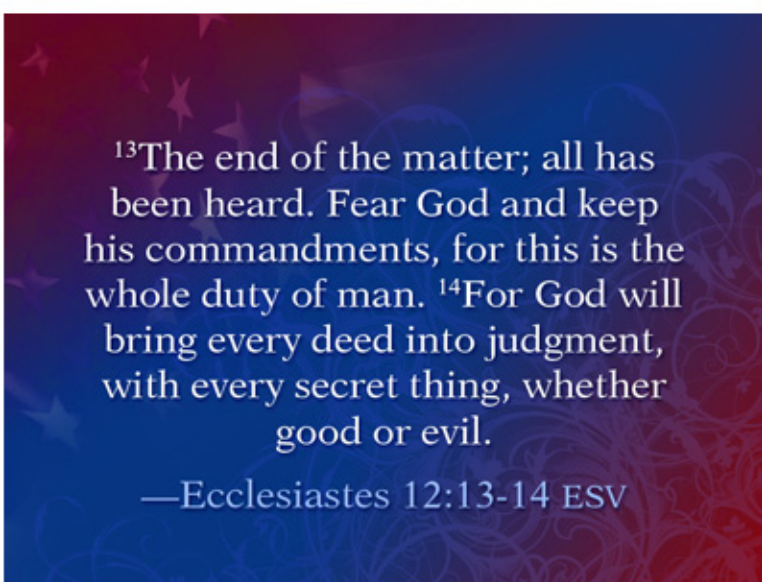
What place does prayer
play in our lives and church?

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Is there concern for the
fear of God among us?

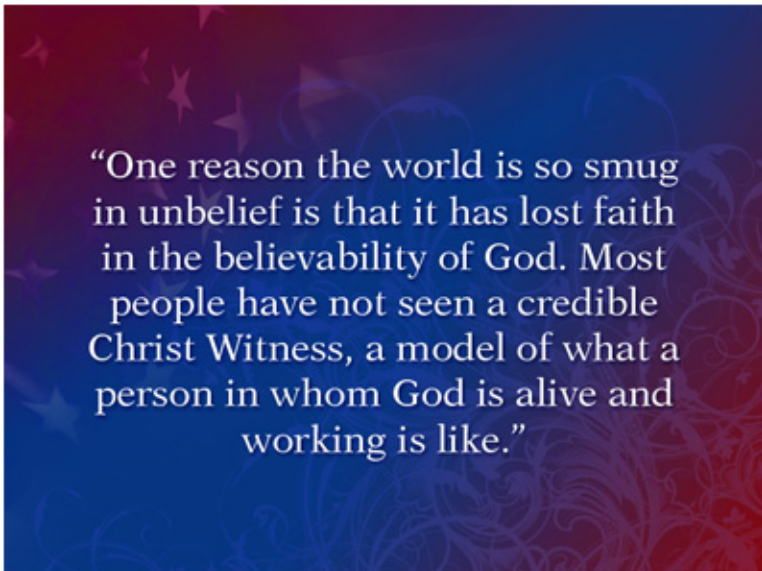
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¹³The end of the matter; all has
been heard. Fear God and keep
his commandments, for this is the
whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will
bring every deed into judgment,
with every secret thing, whether
good or evil.

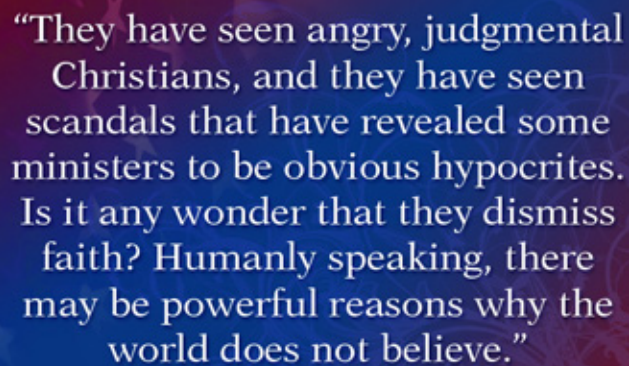
—Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ESV

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“One reason the world is so smug
in unbelief is that it has lost faith
in the believability of God. Most
people have not seen a credible
Christ Witness, a model of what a
person in whom God is alive and
working is like.”

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“They have seen angry, judgmental
Christians, and they have seen
scandals that have revealed some
ministers to be obvious hypocrites.
Is it any wonder that they dismiss
faith? Humanly speaking, there
may be powerful reasons why the
world does not believe.”

—Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Moody Church

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