



SUMMIT

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Lukewarm Laodicea



“And 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.

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I 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.

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, 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. 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.

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



3 Questions

1. How does the depiction of **Jesus** relate to Laodicea's challenge?
2. What's so bad about "**lukewarm**"?
3. What's the **remedy** to self-deception?

Jesus

Revelation 3:14

“And 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.’”

Lukewarm

Revelation 3:15-16

¹⁵ “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

Lycus River Valley

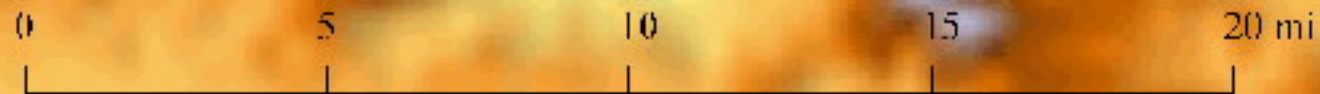
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Laodicea

Lycus River

Colossae



The Remedy

Revelation 3:17-18

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. ¹⁸ I 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.

Laodiceans' View	Jesus' View	Jesus' Remedy
Rich	Poor	True riches (Matthew 6:19-21)
Prosperous	Blind	True service (Revelation 19:8)
Need nothing	Naked	True sight (Ephesians 1:18)

Why?

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I **love**, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Hebrews 12:5b-6

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he **loves**, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

2 Offers

Revelation 3:20-21

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and **dine** with him, and he with me.

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.

So What?

1. Are there areas in your life in which you are lukewarm to doing the will of God?
2. How are you deluding yourself about your true spiritual condition? How does your Summit group describe your spiritual condition?
3. To whom do you turn for help to conquer these lukewarm areas and to be a conqueror in all areas of your life? What steps do you need to take today? How can your Summit group help you?