

THE LORD'S LAST APPEAL

Read Rev. 3:14-22

Beloved of the Lord:

This letter to the Church of Laodicea describes the failure of the profession of Christendom of the earth at the end of church history, an ecclesiastical failure in the eyes of Him who walks in the midst of the Lampstands - see Rev. 1:13 and 2:1. Let us prayerfully consider some of the facts revealed regarding Laodicea. Note -

- 1 - LAODICEA'S CLAIM - "THOU sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing" - v. 17. Pride in her material wealth and self-sufficiency was her boast. SHE was rich. SHE was increased with goods. SHE was in need of nothing. Laodicea made everything of MAN-but nothing of CHRIST! - except to use His name for her self-exaltation! These things boasted in, contributed to her failure and they are doing so today, being prominent and popular. Quote - "People cannot congregate in large masses, without Laodiceanism being the result, if it be not also the Spring" - Wm. Kelly.
- 2 - THE LORD'S ESTIMATION - Terse and direct are His words, calling her "wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked". How different are His thoughts. SHE claims superior knowledge! HE says she is utterly ignorant! SHE boasts of financial success! HE says she does not possess a thing! SHE was nauseous to Him - v. 15,16. Do we accept His estimate? We Must!
- 3 - THE LORD'S JUDGMENT - "I will spue thee out of my mouth" - v. 16. He abhorred her state and irrevocably rejected her, declaring His judgment. This involves the execution of His judgment yet to be executed on the failure of Christendom to exalt His name. Laodicean luke - warmness and indifference to the Lord's glory is greatly displeasing to Him. Consider His judgment declared upon the Temple and Judaism in Matt. 23:38 and Matt. 24:1. Upon issuing His sentence, He left the Temple, saying - "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" and "He went out and departed from the Temple". It had become MAN'S house, not God's. So today, instead of the Church shining as "the house of God" - 1 Tim. 3:15 - it also has become MAN'S HOUSE! - 2 Tim. 2:20.
- 4 - THE LORD'S POSITION - Note Rev. 3:20 - His attitude and place in relation to Laodicea. He takes His place outside! He was not wanted inside! No room for the Person of Christ! His counsel and call to repentance unheeded. Yet though the Lord definitely takes His place outside of Laodicea, He has not abandoned His own, who may have failed to discern He has departed; may still be inside.
- 5 - THE LORD'S LAST APPEAL - Rev. 3:20 - He stands at the door knocking and speaks -
 - a - To individual believers inside - "If any man" - 2 Tim. 2:21.
 - b - Note His two-fold appeal -
 - 1 - "Hear my voice". Are we listening? (John 10:27).
 - 2 - "Open the door". Is there a heart within, not too much occupied with things and persons around?
 - c - His two-fold blessing -
 - 1 - "I will come into him and sup with him" - I will have fellowship with him in all his things and manifest my grace.
 - 2 - "and he with Me" - I will lead him into higher blessings, of fellowship with Me in My things. Communion with Christ in His things is far better than Laodicea. See Eph. 3:17-19. Personal heart fellowship with Him is His last appeal in these days of difficulty!

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

