

Daily Devotional, February 28, 2021

“Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock”, (Revelation 3:20, NKJV)

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore 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 dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame 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)

The church at Laodicea was the last of seven churches that were counseled by Jesus Christ Himself in the Book of Revelation. The name of the city, Laodicea, means ‘people ruling’, which is a fitting name seeing as how God was not ruling over the church there because He was not welcomed in. We have here a description of the apostate, ecumenical church that has existed throughout history, and is very prevalent today. The church was “lukewarm.” It was going through the motions but was not really serious about having a heart of worship or obeying the Great Commission. In this passage, we read that Jesus Christ Himself comes to call, and He is coming to call on you and I today, as He does every day. God will always show up. The question is whether or not we will let Him in.

“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.” There are three kinds of knocks on the door of your heart: life events, Spirit conviction, and God’s word. Maybe something is going on in your life, and God has your attention today. Perhaps God the Holy Spirit is drawing you to Christ today and has you thinking soberly. Perchance God’s word has hit its target and you see your desperate need for Jesus today more than ever. In Bible days, and even in some churches today, the door must be opened from the inside. Jesus Christ wants communion with you today. He won’t beat down the door. But He is knocking. Will you let Him inside today?