



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.

| <sup>15</sup> "I know your works: you are<br>neither cold nor hot. Would that<br>you were either cold or hot!                                      |  |
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| <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.   |  |
| <sup>17</sup> 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. |  |
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| <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.   |  |
| <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door<br>and knock. If anyone hears my<br>voice and opens the door, I will<br>come in to him and eat with him,<br>and he with me.  |  |

| <sup>21</sup> 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. |  |
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| <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."   |  |
| The Message of this Letter is an Urgent One.  It Comes in Three Parts.   |  |

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# The Problem at Laodicea was Two-Fold.

- 1. They were Spiritually Lifeless.
- 2. They were Smugly Self-Assured.

#### The Offer

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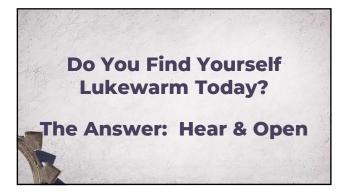
## God Deals With Each of their Sources of Pride.

- 1. Their Riches = Spiritually Worthless
- 2. Their Fine Clothing = Spiritually Meaningless
- 3. Their Medical Healing = Spiritually Useless

### **The Promise**

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