

When the King is Sick Revelation 3:14-22

I. A Supposition. (3:14-17)

- A. The Church in Laodicea was like the foolish man in I Timothy 6:5 who supposed that gain (material blessing) was godliness. (17)
- B. The Church in Laodicea supposed that they knew what was best for themselves, but God said they didn't. (17) (They were to be pitied)
- C. They supposed that they had everything that they needed (blessing), but they were like Sampson. (Judges 16:20)

II. A Sickness. (3:15-16)

- A. In the previous six letters to the churches in Asia Minor the Lord simply stated that He had something against them. (Rev. 2:4)
- B. In the seventh letter addressed to the Laodiceans, He stated that their lukewarm hearts toward Him made Him sick.
- C. The Lord knew that they had sought the acceptance of the world and were not giving their love to Him alone. (Matthew 6:24)

III. A Surrender. (3:18-19)

- A. The Lord used their culture to call them to a full surrender with a contrast between the spiritual and the carnal. (18)
- B. They had overlooked the blood of Christ, the righteousness of Christ and the Spirit of Christ as represented by gold, white raiment, and eye salve.
- C. Because of Love He is rebuking and chastening them that they might turn away from the perceptions that they have embraced. (19)

IV. A Sincerity. (3:20-22)

- A. The Lord will never force the door of our lives open, we must sincerely; choose to submit to His will for our lives.
- B. This is a call that we must answer individually not corporately.
- C. God knows our hearts and desires for us to commune with Him in truth. (15-16)