



Revelation 3:14 “To the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write:

“The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says these things: ¹⁵ I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, ‘I am rich, and have stored up goods, and have need of nothing,’ yet do not realize that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich, and white garments, that you may be dressed, that the shame of your nakedness may not appear, and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

¹⁹ “Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline. Therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with Me.

²¹ “To him who overcomes will I grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

1. The lukewarm are no good to God

- a. God is a consuming fire Hebrews 12:29
- b. A threat to satan Acts 19:11-16

Acts 19:13 “Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists invoked the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We command you to come out in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches.” ¹⁴ There were seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva doing this. ¹⁵ The evil spirit answered, “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man in whom the evil spirit was jumped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled from that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ This became known to all Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus. And fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.”

2. The altar of our hearts

- a. God starts the fire Lev 9:23-24
- b. But it is our job to keep the fire burning Lev 6:8-13

Leviticus 6:8 "The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 9Command Aaron and his sons, saying: This is the law for the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. 10The priest shall put on his linen robe, and his linen undergarments on his body. Then he shall remove the ashes from the fire of the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments, and he shall bring the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. 12The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out. The priest shall feed it with wood every morning. He will arrange the burnt offering on it, and he shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it. 13A perpetual fire shall be kept burning on the altar. It shall never go out.

3. How do we keep the fire burning

- a. Walk in forgiveness and holiness (depth of repentance)
- b. Mark 3:13-15 called to be with Jesus (depth of our prayer lives)
- c. Abide in Christ and his words abide in you (fellowship) John 15:4-8

4. Stir up (kindle) the flame within us

- a. 2 Tim 1:8-6-7 Fan the flame
- b. Use the talents or lose them
- c. We are all called to be prayer warriors for the church
- d. We are all called to be witnesses for the Lord