



The Book of Revelation Lesson 3 1Q 2019

Jesus' Messages to the Seven Churches

SABBATH

Let's start with Ephesus which was in last week's lesson:

Read the message to the church of Ephesus, from *The Remedy*:

¹"Write to the messenger to my recovering children in the church in Ephesus: This message comes from Jesus, who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven lampstands:² I know you—your choices, actions, works, determination, and commitment. I know that your hearts are repulsed by wickedness in humanity, and that you have examined those who claim to be my ambassadors but are not; and you rightly determined them to be false.³ I know that you have stayed true, revealing my character of love despite persecution, and have not given up.

⁴"Yet I have diagnosed you with one serious problem: You have let go of your first love.⁵ I implore you, remember the pinnacle of purity from which you have fallen! Turn back to your first love and practice again the methods you did then. If you do not turn back, the light of truth will be lost to you and your minds will be darkened.⁶ To your advantage, you have hated the hedonistic practices of the Nicolaitans that so damage the mind—which I also hate.

⁷"Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches. Those who overcome—complete the treatment and are renewed in love—will eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

What do the lampstands represent? What contributes to love waning?

- lies believed break the circle of love and trust—were there any lies about God being told in the first century of Christianity?
- what happens to love when actions become legal requirements?
- can injury, betrayal, hardship damage love?

Why did Jesus say that if they don't turn back the light of truth they have will be lost and their minds will be darkened?

Is it that God uses His divine power to make a mind misunderstand and lose the wisdom, knowledge, understanding of God's kingdom that the person once had? Or, is this a design law—if you don't use it you lose it? If you exercise circuits that promote falsehood, selfishness, fear, close the mind to light and truth what happens in that person? Because truth is unfolding if we stop advancing in truth what we once understood will become perverted with lies.



Consider this quote from the book *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*:

The same law obtains in the spiritual as in the natural world. [Now this author understood design law and understood that violations of God's law are violations of the protocols upon which life is built. There is no legal courtroom in the natural world and neither is there a legal courtroom in heaven in which legal punishments are being tallied up to be inflicted by a heavenly judge. That view is a lie.] He who abides in darkness will at last lose the power of vision. He is shut in by a deeper than midnight blackness; and to him the brightest noontide can bring no light. He "walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." 1 John 2:11. **Through persistently cherishing evil, willfully disregarding the pleadings of divine love, the sinner loses the love for good, the desire for God, the very capacity to receive the light of heaven. [What is happening? Is God using power to inflict this? Or is this the natural result of the choices of the person?] The invitation of mercy is still full of love, the light is shining as brightly as when it first dawned upon his soul; but the voice falls on deaf ears, the light on blinded eyes. [Did God change or is love and light still flowing from God? Then what happened?]** {MB 92.3}

No soul is ever finally deserted of God, given up to his own ways, so long as there is any hope of his salvation. "Man turns from God, not God from him." Our heavenly Father follows us with appeals and warnings and assurances of compassion, **until further opportunities and privileges would be wholly in vain. The responsibility rests with the sinner.** By resisting the Spirit of God today, he prepares the way for a second resistance of light when it comes with mightier power. **Thus he passes on from one stage of resistance to another, until at last the light will fail to impress, and he will cease to respond in any measure to the Spirit of God.** Then even "the light that is in thee" has become darkness. **The very truth we do know has become so perverted as to increase the blindness of the soul.** {MB 93.1}

What happens to the light if we refuse to move forward in advancing truth? Why does it happen?

SUNDAY

Read Revelation 2:8-11 from *The Remedy*:

"To the messenger to my recovering children in the church in Smyrna, write:

This message comes from Jesus, who is the Beginning and the Ending, the Origin and Completion; who died, but in so doing destroyed death and now lives again:⁹ I know about your suffering and poverty, but in reality, you are incredibly rich in what heaven values! I know that you have been misrepresented by those who claim to be loyal to God but really are not; they have enthroned Satan in their hearts—their spirit temples.¹⁰ Don't fear the coming trials. Satan will put some of you in prison, and your faith will be tried; and some will be persecuted for ten days. Trust me—even if threatened with death—and I will give you eternal life.



¹¹"Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches. Those who prevail by completing the treatment and by being renewed in love cannot be harmed by the second, eternal death.

The messages to the seven churches have 3 applications:

- Historic—to the churches in John's day
- Prophetic—to time periods
- Universal—to Christians in every age

The prophetic period of Ephesus was CE 31 to around 100 CE, and the prophetic period of Smyrna was 100 – 313 CE.

But as we consider the "time" of these periods we should remember that the messages to the 7 churches were not time prophecies, so the years suggested when these eras applied are general and not specific.

Regarding the 10 days of persecution, the lesson utilizes the prophetic application of 10 years of persecution under Diocletian which ended in 313 when Constantine legalized Christianity. However, other commentators suggest that because the prisons are literal, Satan is literal, that the time period should be literal and apply it to the historic church of Smyrna during the first century CE.

But what is most likely is that, as in many places in the Bible it is not either/or, but both.

What is the message to Smyrna that applies to us today?

- Jesus is the Creator and Savior who has destroyed the cause of death and has the remedy that provides eternal life for all who trust Him
- If you value what heaven values—which is—Godly character, principles and methods—then you will be misrepresented and mistreated
- We don't need to fear earthly trials as long as we trust Jesus

Read Revelation 2:12-18 from *The Remedy*:

¹²"To the messenger to my recovering children in the church in Pergamum, write:

This message comes from Jesus—the source of truth as sharp as a double-edged sword:¹³I know you live, where Satan has enthroned himself, yet you have continued to live in harmony with my character, methods, and principles. You did not reject me, even when Antipas, my trustworthy witness, was executed in the place where Satan lives.

¹⁴"Yet I have diagnosed a few serious problems: Some of you are like Balaam, seeking to empower and enrich yourselves. You have infected the Remedy with appeasement theology, and you promote sexual practices deviant from my design in Eden.¹⁵ And as if this isn't bad



enough, you have those who advocate the hedonistic practices of the Nicolaitans, which destroy the mind.¹⁶ Reject these falsehoods and return to my methods! Otherwise, I will come and fight against these distortions with the sword of truth spoken from my mouth.

¹⁷"Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches. To everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and being renewed in love, I will give some of the hidden manna—my nature and character of love. I will recreate them in my likeness, with their own unique individuality purified by my character. They will be like pure-white stones, each stamped with their own unique self, signed by me.

What are the lessons for today from the message to Pergamum?

- Be careful not to fall into the trap of Balaam seeking to empower oneself by working against God's plan yet claiming to be God's representative
- Be careful not to pervert God's design for life
- We are promised the character of Christ to be renewed in heart and mind and sealed by God if we trust Him

Read the fourth paragraph, "The Christians in Pergamum..." What does it mean to compromise our faith?

- Is it a compromise of our faith to have faith in the wrong thing? Or is that a corruption of our faith?
- Is it a compromise to be deceived into a lie—or is a compromise when one willingly settles for something less than the truth they know?
- Is it a compromise to go along with something we know is wrong?
- What is the true standard of righteousness—to be able to tell if we are compromising our faith?

Consider this quote from *Our High Calling*:

Our Redeemer testifies: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Revelation 3:8. Through this open door into the temple of God, **we see the royal law**, deposited in the ark of the testament. Through this open door, light shines from that **holy, just, and good law, presenting to man the true standard of righteousness**, that he may make no mistake in **the formation of a character that will meet the requirements of God**. [why does God require a righteous character? Because that is how He built life to exist] Sin is condemned by that law; we must put it away. Pride and selfishness can find no place in the character without crowding out Him who was meek and lowly of heart. {OHC 138.2}

The law of God is the standard by which character is to be tested; if we erect a standard to suit ourselves, and attempt to follow a criterion of our own devising, we shall utterly fail to secure heaven at last. . . . {OHC 138.3} [What law lens are you thinking through when you hear quotes like this, design or imposed? Is the law which is the standard of character a list of rules without inherent consequence or is it the protocol upon which life is built?]



The mind must yield obedience to the royal law of liberty, the law which the Spirit of God impresses upon the heart, and makes plain to the understanding. [Can an imposed law change the heart and provide genuine freedom while enlightening the mind? No! Only God's design realities can!] **The expulsion of sin must be the act of the soul itself, in calling into exercise its noblest powers.** [How can the soul expel sin? The remedy to sin is not found in the soul itself, the power to overcome sin is not found in the soul itself, so how can the soul expel sin? Note the key work is the **act**, or action, of the soul to expel sin and what is that act or action? It is the choice to reject the lie, to say yes to the truth, to surrender to Jesus, thus we are required to think to reason, to come to a conclusion—is God like Jesus revealed or is He like Satan alleges? What kind of law does God use to govern His universe?] **The only freedom a finite will can enjoy, consists in coming into harmony with the will of God, complying with the conditions that make man a partaker of the divine nature.** {OHC 138.4} [What are those conditions? It is the conditions of God's reality—how He constructed His universe to operate, which is design law. When we substitute His law of love, liberty and truth for human imposed law then we become slaves, not free beings—just like the Pharisees in Christ's day!]

The law of God given from Sinai is a copy of the mind and will of the Infinite God. [Does this mean the 10 commandments were always in existence, or the principles of love and liberty were always in existence and when humanity became sinful God distilled these principles into a form specifically for the need of sinful humans? From the same author “The law of God existed before the creation of man or else Adam could not have sinned. **After the transgression of Adam the principles of the law were not changed, but were definitely arranged and expressed to meet man in his fallen condition.**”{ISM 230.1} It is sacredly revered by the holy angels. **Obedience to its requirements will perfect Christian character, and restore man, through Christ, to his condition before the Fall.** [Is this true? When we understand design law it makes perfect sense—a doctor cannot get patients well in violations of the laws of health. All violations of the laws of health injure and undermine life. However, harmony with the laws of health heal. We cannot avoid the damage for violating God's law, likewise we cannot avoid the blessings for harmonizing with His design law!] The sins forbidden in the law could never find place in heaven. {OHC 138.5}

It was the love of God to man that prompted Him to express His will in the ten precepts of the Decalogue. . . . God has given man a complete rule of life in His law. Obeyed, he shall live by it, through the merits of Christ. Transgressed, it has power to condemn. **The law sends men to Christ, and Christ points them back to the law.** [The law diagnoses us as sick, which sends us to Christ, who procured the remedy, and in trust we open the heart and have our desires, motives, attitudes change and we receive the indwelling Spirit, then we begin to choose differently and as we choose differently we receive greater enlightenment, and transformation which comes from Christ through the working of the Spirit!] {OHC 138.6}

But Satan doesn't want us to understand the truth about God's law, he wants us to believe the lie that it is like human law, a legal system that requires imposition of punishments and legal payments. Consider this insight from the book *Prophets and Kings*:



In Isaiah's day the spiritual understanding of mankind was dark through misapprehension of God. **Long had Satan sought to lead men to look upon their Creator as the author of sin and suffering and death.** [How? By teaching them that sin requires punishment and God in order to be just must execute sinners] Those whom he had thus deceived, imagined that God was hard and exacting. **They regarded Him as watching to denounce and condemn, unwilling to receive the sinner so long as there was a legal excuse for not helping him.** [What is the lie? What is the common view taught in Christianity today?] **The law of love by which heaven is ruled had been misrepresented by the archdeceiver as a restriction upon men's happiness, a burdensome yoke from which they should be glad to escape. He declared that its precepts could not be obeyed and that the penalties of transgression were bestowed arbitrarily.** p. 311 [What is the law that heaven is ruled by? The law of love and what kind of law is this? Design law, and are there penalties for breaking it? Yes, but how are they bestowed? They are the natural results of stepping out of harmony with how God constructed reality to exist. What kind of law has arbitrary penalties? Imposed human law—which is what Christianity has been infected with and why we have failed to prepare people for Christ's return!]

MONDAY

Read Revelation 2:18-29 from *The Remedy*:

¹⁸"To the messenger to my recovering children in the church in Thyatira, write: This message is from Jesus—the Son of God—whose eyes shine brightly like a fire, and whose feet glow like metal in a furnace.¹⁹ I know the choices you have made, your love and devotion, your service and dedication, and how your healing progresses as you are achieving more now than when you first took the Remedy.

²⁰"Yet I have diagnosed this problem: You have accepted the teachings of Jezebel, which make me look like Baal—a being who imposes law, inflicts torture, and must be appeased. Her teachings mislead people into internalizing pagan ideas about God—including God being like Baal and requiring bloody payments—and thus committing spiritual adultery by giving their hearts to a false god.²¹ I have given her time to turn away from the lies about God, but she refuses;²² so I will let her reap the suffering that comes from operating outside my design for life. And all those who accept her view of God commit adultery with her and will suffer terribly unless they reject the lies and return to the truth about God and his methods of love.²³ I will destroy her offshoots—then all my children will know that I diagnose perfectly the condition of hearts and minds—and I will provide to each person what is in accord with their own choice.²⁴ Now for the rest of you in Thyatira: Those who have rejected the lies about me and refused to believe that I am like Satan alleges—no other burden will come upon you;²⁵ just hold true to what you currently know until I return.



²⁶Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, I will free from the power and authority of the nations.

²⁷He will intervene with an unbreakable shepherd's rod; he will destroy the nation's ability to coerce and deceive, like iron crushing pottery.' I will give them the same power to break free as I received from my Father.²⁸I will give them the morning star—I will give them all of myself.

²⁹"Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.

What are the lessons for us today?

- God is working through Jesus to heal all who trust Him, but God has been misrepresented in the church to be like Baal
- We are to reject this false version of God and stay true to Jesus and we will receive His indwelling and transforming presence

The general time period covered in the prophetic application is 538 CE until 1565 CE.

What does the name Jezebel refer to in this prophecy?

Jezebel was queen of Baal worship, and who was Baal?

- Son of El
- God of weather, rain, lightning which refreshed the earth and brought the harvest
- Fought against the leviathan the great serpent
- Fought against Mot the God of death and in this battle dies and rises again to bring life to the land

So what was wrong with Baal worship? Baal required appeasement, a blood payment in order to appease anger and bring blessings.

Baal became:

- Zeus to the Greeks
- Jupiter to the Romans
- Thor to the Norse
- Jesus Christ to Christians who worship an angry god who requires the blood of a human sacrifice to propitiate his wrath

Thus the prophecy to Thyatira, that during the Middle and Dark Ages the imperial law lie become orthodoxy within Christianity and the view of God that God functions like Baal would take root. And that lie has yet to be eliminated from Christianity and is the final lie to be confronted and rejected in order to complete the Reformation.



TUESDAY

Read Revelation 3:1-6 from *The Remedy*:

¹"To the messenger to my children in the church in Sardis, write:

This message is from Jesus, who directs the seven intelligent beings standing before the throne of God, and the seven messengers who are—like bright stars—shining forth the truth: I know your choices. You appear to be alive—living in harmony with the law of love—but you are dead in fear and self-centeredness.²Wake up before it is too late! Heal what remains viable but is about to die if you don't take action soon, for despite all your rituals and religious acts, you are devoid of love in the sight of my Father.³Remember the Remedy you have received: accept it, apply it to your lives, and turn away from the ways of the world. But if you refuse to wake up to your condition and embrace the truth, you will be unaware of what is happening, and my coming will be like a thief's—you will not know the time I will come to you.

⁴"Yet you still have a few faithful people in Sardis whose characters have not been stained with selfishness. They will walk by my side, dressed in the perfection of my character of love—pure and white—for they are healed.⁵Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end will also have character perfect and pure. I will never remove them from the book of life, but proclaim to my Father and his angels that they have been completely healed.⁶Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.

What are the lessons for us today?

- God wants to heal and transform us in heart, mind and character
- If we refuse to trust Him He lets us go to die of our terminal condition
- Religious organization and structure do not save and often obstruct God's healing plan

The prophetic time period application is from 1565 CE – 1740 CE, the post-Reformation period.

The SDA Bible Commentary has the following regarding the time period of the church in Sardis:

Some decades after the beginning of the Reformation the new churches experienced a period of violent doctrinal controversy. **Eventually, differences of opinion were settled by the adoption of definitive creeds that tended to discourage the search for additional truth. By a similar process the Roman Catholic Church, in the early centuries of its history, had crystallized much of its theology. Protected by the power and prestige of the state, and ensconced within the shelter of rigid creedal confessions, the national churches of the Protestant world generally came to content themselves with the form of godliness without its power.** Another important factor that contributed to apathy toward spiritual things was the rise of rationalism in the 17th and 18th centuries. Under the impact of scientific discovery, many scholars came to believe that natural law was sufficient to account for the workings of



the universe. **Often they concluded that God's chief function in relation to this world is only that of a first cause, and that since His initial act of creation, the world has functioned more or less independently of Him.** Thinking men who found the avenues of independent theological thought closed to them by the rigid formulas of Protestant orthodoxy turned, in some instances, to the new philosophical rationalism. Although rationalism produced much high idealism and commendable thinking in such fields as political science and humanitarianism, its presuppositions when applied to religion went far to encourage the spiritual coldness that characterized much of Protestantism in the centuries following the Reformation.¹

First, what is suggested as shutting down growth in advancing truth in the churches? Creeds with centralized authority to enforce those creeds—and what is happening in the SDA church now? Not only has the SDA developed its own creed, it is now in the process of centralizing authority to enforce its creeds.

What about rationalism—what is wrong with rationalism and how is it NOT what we teach in this class about God's design law?

Rationalism has a Creator who built reality and then left it alone to run on its own upon the laws of nature without God involved any more. This is quite distinct from understanding that all God's design laws are the outflow and working of God's divine presence and purpose through His universe.

From EGW:

Upon all created things is seen the impress of the Deity. Nature testifies of God. The susceptible mind, brought in contact with the miracle and mystery of the universe, cannot but recognize the working of infinite power. **Not by its own inherent energy does the earth produce its bounties,** and year by year continue its motion around the sun. **An unseen hand guides the planets in their circuit of the heavens. A mysterious life pervades all nature--a life that sustains the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity,** that lives in the insect atom which floats in the summer breeze, that wings the flight of the swallow and feeds the young ravens which cry, that brings the bud to blossom and the flower to fruit. {Ed 99.1}

The same power that upholds nature, is working also in man. The same great laws that guide alike the star and the atom control human life. **The laws that govern the heart's action, regulating the flow of the current of life to the body, are the laws of the mighty Intelligence that has the jurisdiction of the soul. From Him all life proceeds. Only in harmony with Him can be found its true sphere of action.** For all the objects of His creation the condition is the same--a life sustained by receiving the life of God, a life exercised in harmony with the Creator's will. To transgress His law, physical, mental, or moral, is to place

¹ Nichol, F. D. (Ed.). (1980). *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* (Vol. 7, p. 756). Review and Herald Publishing Association.



one's self out of harmony with the universe, to introduce discord, anarchy, ruin. {Ed 99.2}

It is God's plan **that every part of His government shall depend on every other part, the whole as a wheel within a wheel, working with entire harmony. He moves upon human forces, causing His Spirit to touch invisible chords, and the vibration rings to the extremity of the universe.**--Manuscript 22, 1897. {Ev 93.1}

This is quantum physics described—God the source of life, connected to every aspect of His universe as the life source and energy that sustains it all and only in harmony with Him is there life and health. Thus, we cannot simply by following the laws of nature, separate from the God who created and built nature and sustains its function, find life.

WEDNESDAY

Read Revelation 3:7-13 from *The Remedy*:

⁷"To the messenger to my children in the church in Philadelphia, write:

This message is from Jesus, who is holy and true, and who is the Key from David's line—the door to restoration, which he opens, no one can shut; and the doors he shuts no one can open.⁸ I know your choices. Recognize that I have opened before you a door for your healing, that no one can shut. I know you are exhausted, but you have not given up. You have lived in harmony with my methods and have not rejected my character of love.⁹ But those whose minds have become a sanctuary for Satan—who claim to be my children but are liars, as their characters are like Satan's—I will make them see the truth, and they will fall down at your feet and acknowledge that what I love is my children being healed, like you.¹⁰ Since you have unwaveringly followed my instructions and lived in harmony with my methods, I will heal your characters, and you will have nothing to fear during the difficult time to come upon the world, which will differentiate the true nature of those who live on the earth.

¹¹"I am returning soon. Hold on to the Remedy you have received, and no one will trick you out of eternal life.¹² Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, I will make a pillar, a living stone, in the heavenly temple of my God—a community of holy beings. Their connection with God will never be severed and I will write in their beings the character of my God, and they will be marked by me as citizens of the New Jerusalem which is coming down out of heaven from my God. I will also write my name upon their hearts and minds.¹³ Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.

What are the lessons for us today?

- God's plan of salvation is to heal and restore His character in human beings
- We either become a sanctuary for God and reveal His character of love or a sanctuary for Satan and reveal his character of selfishness



The prophetic application is from 1740 until 1844, the Great Awakening.

What do you think of the open and shut door metaphor?

Is it referring to a literal door made of matter, or a door of ideas, the path of truth, a door in our hearts and minds that we must choose to follow through?

From one of the founders of the SDA church:

I am still a believer in the shut-door theory, but not in the sense in which we at first employed the term or in which it is employed by my opponents. {1SM 63.2}

There was a shut door in Noah's day. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave the shut-door message to Noah: {1SM 63.3} [What kept them off the ark? They shut their hearts to the message of Noah. Their hearts were shut]

"My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3). {1SM 63.4}

There was a shut door in the days of Abraham. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. {1SM 63.5} [What caused the condition of things in Sodom? Their hearts were shut to the Spirit of God.]

There was a shut door in Christ's day. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, "Your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:38). {1SM 63.6} [Who caused their house to be left like this? Their hearts and minds were shut to Jesus! Who shut the door to their hearts?]

Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John: {1SM 63.7}

"These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth" (Revelation 3:7). {1SM 63.8} [So what door do you think Revelation is referring to when it says a door opens and a door shuts? Is it not a door of understanding and some accept the light and move forward with Christ and some reject and the light of truth moves on without them.]

I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of the first and second angels' messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. [they shut the door to their own hearts by rejecting truth] And those who accepted



it and received the Holy Spirit [the door was open to their hearts] which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, **thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them.** {1SM 63.9} [they closed the door to their hearts to God's Spirit]

Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach. [the doors of their heart were still open to truth having not decided to reject it] And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, having received it, afterward renounced their faith. These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, **they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan.** [their minds become the synagogue of Satan, i.e. he sets himself up in God's temple...] These two classes are brought to view in the vision--those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion, and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection. {1SM 63.10}

So, what type of door do you think is referred to in Revelation? Is it not the door to our hearts and whether we are lovers of truth and willing to follow it where it leads?

And what is the truth of the Three Angel's? Is it not the truth of God's character of love and design law of love? This is the message God is working through Christ to free us from all the lies about Him and heal us to be able to live in His presence.

THURSDAY

Read Revelation 3:14-22 from *The Remedy*:

¹⁴"To the messenger to my children in the church in Laodicea, write:

This message is from Jesus—the consistent, reliable, faithful and true Witness—who is the origin of God's creation:¹⁵I know your choices. I know that you are neither on fire with love, nor do you appear cold with selfishness. I wish you were either on fire for my kingdom, or clearly opposed to it!¹⁶But because you are a lukewarm mix of cold hearts practicing selfish methods while appearing to be on fire for my kingdom, you misrepresent me and make me sick to my stomach. I am about to vomit you out.¹⁷You claim to be spiritually rich and full of heavenly treasure, thinking you have the truth and are in need of nothing, but you are so self-deceived that you don't realize you are devoid of my character of love. You are decrepit, pathetic, bereft of true godliness, with minds so closed that you can't even comprehend truth. You stand naked and exposed.¹⁸My prescription for you is to exchange your corrupt motives for the gold of godly love purified through fiery trials, so that you can be rich in what heaven values. Exchange your filthy, selfish characters for the perfect character of Christ—pure and white—so that you can cover the shame of your imperfection. And apply the salve of the Holy Spirit to



your minds, so that you can see and understand the reality of your own condition, and that of God's kingdom of love.

¹⁹"It is those whom I love that I diagnose and provide these therapeutic interventions, so take ownership of yourselves: turn away from destruction, and apply the Remedy. ²⁰I am here now! I am standing at the door to your hearts, knocking with truth and love. If any hear my voice and open their hearts, I will come in and commune with them, and they with me.

²¹"Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment, and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, will sit enthroned with me—just as I overcame, and sit enthroned with my Father. ²²Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches."

What is the message for us today?

- A form of godliness without heart change is nauseating
- God wants to heal our hearts and minds to be ready to stand in His presence

This prophetic time period is from 1844 until Christ returns.

What do the gold, eye salve and white garment symbolize?

How do we buy them from Jesus?

FRIDAY

read and discuss questions

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 2-3, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be speaking Christ's Church of Oronogo, MO.

February 22-March 9, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be in Australia speaking in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Adelaide, Avondale, Sydney, Livingston, Perth, and Melbourne.

April 3-6, 2019: Dr. Jennings will be speaking in Sophia Bulgaria.