

Prophet's Column

"The Right Of The People"

By J. M. Little
Laodicea means; the rights of the people, or, the people's rights. The names of all the churches the Lord sent messages to have a significant meaning. And they all apply to different church ages. "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, thou art neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:" (Rev. 3:14-17).



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First in series

Here the Amen, or the Lord Jesus Christ, gives us a true picture of the last church age here in the last days just before He comes. This church age, (Laodicea) for the last eight-five years has been taking up with the world and the rights of the people. We have heard more this century about civil rights, human rights, equal rights, and individual rights, than probably all the previous years of man's history on the earth. Let me give you a truth that may shock you; when the Antichrist steps forth and takes the reins of power, he will cancel all civil rights: Does that shock you? You didn't know that, did you?

The Laodicean Church represents this last church age we are living in now. Everywhere you turn men and women are taken up with the world and material things. You neglect the salvation of your souls as if you had no soul. Listen if you can: YOU have a never dying soul, and YOU are going to spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. When you do that will not be the end of your life. The Laodicean church does not see her need of Christ. That's practically every man and woman I meet in the world today. There is very little thought given to spiritual and eternal realities today. The Lord Jesus Christ said to the Laodicean Church; "...thou art neither cold nor hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." We see here that no one in the Laodicean Church was saved. What a tragedy! The Laodicean Church was rich and increased with material goods and worshipped those things, making them their gods, and had turned away from the Lord. Isn't that a true picture of our church folks today? We are living in a time when people are making more money than ever before and you have more material goods than ever. Therefore, you think that all is well since you are so prosperous. The Lord says of you; "...thou art wretched, and miserable,

and poor, and blind, and naked:" That's the condition of every sinner out of Christ. But you don't know that is your condition until the Holy Spirit opens your blinded mind and eyes, (II Cor. 4), and lets the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ shine into your mind and heart. Man in his natural state is a child of the Devil, (John 8:44). That's why you are blind to your true natural state. It's Satan's business to keep you blinded. As long as he can keep you blinded to your true, lost condition, you'll never see your need of Christ and long after Him. If you could get your eyes open to the fact of your lost condition, it would be the most startling thing that ever happened to you. The reason the preachers and religious leaders of this nation fight the truth as we

set it forth is because they have never had their eyes and minds opened to the fact they are lost sinners! That's why every unsaved soul who comes in contact with me fights me. You are guilty! You hate God! You hate the Word of God! You hate God's people! You'll see that before God saves you. Repentance is acknowledging what the Lord shows you, that you are wrong, and God is right. Repentance is thinking along with God. If you are repenting, or if you know Christ, then I can find fellowship with you in Christ.

But everywhere you turn today you come face to face with worldliness on the part of our church members. The religious world has married the secular world. But it means something to know the Lord as your Lord and your Saviour and be an offense to the world.

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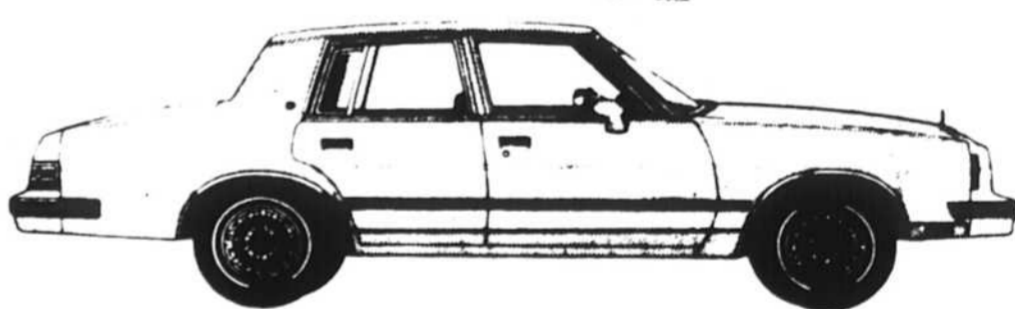
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