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Jehovah blesses with a hedge about His children. He made a hedge about Job, and about his house, and about all that he had, on every side. Jehovah blessed the work of Job's hands, and his substance increased (Job 1: 10 ASV). The Prosperity Gospel is good news, be very cautious not to quench the Holy Spirit!

God the Judge of all, and Jesus the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12: 23-24 ASV), comfort and console us when we fail. They chasten and press us to greater holiness. The psalmist wrote; Jehovah cast off and rejected, has been wroth with the anointed. Are not we His anointed? Jehovah abhorred the covenant of His servant. Are not we His servant? Blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him (James 1: 12 ASV). Fear not the things which you are about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you shall have tribulation ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life (Revelation 2: 10 ASV). Have we profaned our crown casting it to the ground? Must Jehovah break down all our hedges; bringing our strongholds to ruin (Psalm 89: 38-40 ASV)? Does not grace empower us to overcome sin? It doesn't just forgive, if we repent!

The angel of the church of Laodicea instructed John to write a book about faithful and true witness. That congregation forgot first; to love the Lord their God with all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their mind, and with all their strength, and second to love their neighbor as themself (Mark 12: 30-31 ASV). Having lost their zeal; needing eyesalve to anoint their eyes, that they may see; they said, I am rich, and I have gotten the riches, and I have need of nothing; forgetting as many as Jesus loves, He reproves and He chastens. Jesus' gold is refined by fire. Needing to repent; they knew not they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked (Revelation 3: 14-19 ASV). Are you blind?

Wrath of the Risen Christ is not directed against the whole church. It is directed against those that are neither cold nor hot. Jesus' wish is they were cold or hot, not lukewarm. To be neutral to Jesus Christ is to be an obstacle to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ works through men. The man who remains completely detached in his attitude to Jesus Christ has by that very fact refused to undertake the work which is the divine purpose for him, and is therefore, not on the way, but in the way. The man who will not help Jesus Christ is a hinderance! Hard as it sounds, it is better not to even start on the Christian way than to start and slip into a conventional and meaningless Christianity of respectability. The wrath of Christ threatens to make war against them with His mouth. Jesus threatens to spew them out of His mouth (Revelation 3: 15-16 ASV).

The conquest of Christ and His power; to him that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in His throne (Revelation 3: 21 ASV). The Blessing of the First Resurrection was shown John. He saw the thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and he saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (Revelation 20: 4-6 ASV).

When thou art fallen, repent; else I come and move thy candlestick out of its place (Revelation 2: 5 ASV). Jesus threatened to remove the Laodicean's recognized place in Heaven. Deemed a church on the earth, they would not be recognized in Heaven. Such is the case today. Some fellowships are no longer registered in Heaven! These are they who are hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with

you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved for ever (Jude 1: 12-13 ASV). We must be recognized in Heaven if we are to function in the kingdom of God.

The word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4: 12 ASV). In the Word there is conviction of sin; in it a man is confronted with the truth, and is thereby confronted with his failure to know and obey the truth. In the Word is invitation; it convicts a man of sin and then invites him back, not to the judgment, but to the love of Jehovah Elohim. In the Word there is salvation; it convicts a man of sin, it leads him to the Cross, and it assures him there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we may be saved (Acts 4: 12 ASV).

Text: Revelation 3: 20 ASV

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

The Risen Christ warns the Second Coming is at hand. The Christian must be ready to open the door whenever he hears his Lord knocking (Luke 12: 36). When the signs come, the Christian will know that the last time is near, even at the door (Mark 13: 29). The Christian must live well in love because the Judge stands at the door (James 5:9).