



REVELATION 32 – LAODICEA: BUYING FROM GOD?

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Revelation 3:18

CAN I BUY GRACE? IS THIS A CONTRADICTION?

- Christ *counsels* Laodicean church, its members, to **buy** from Him...but what is the currency of His realm; is this feasible or works-based?
 - Peter severely reprimand Simon for offering to buy Holy Spirit *charisma* so he could Control the Samaritan church {Modern Pentacostal-Charismatic Churches} (Ac 8:14-24)
 - Coveting Control over others divides the body rather than builds it into a unified faith in Christ; opposite of church's mission (Ep 4:10-16; Ja 4:1-8; 2Pe 2:1-3, 12-15)
- God is *spirit* and creator *ex nihilo*; He does not need gold; He could create it (Ge 1:1-2; Ps 50:12-17; Jn 4:24)
 - Messiah Christ also creates; ergo, He does not need gold (Mt 4:1-10; Mk 6:35-44)
 - Using gold to buy gold is nonsense, no net gain; what is the currency of God's realm?

BACK TO THE OLD TESTAMENT: DO YOU *KNOW* YOUR BIBLE?

- Christ challenges the *special knowing, gnosis*, of Laodicean church and us; how well do **you** know God's Word?
 - God told Hebrews to buy from Him **without money** what they needed, they needed to listen, meditate, to His Word-Logos: Christ and Bible (Is 55:1-3, 6-9; Jn 1:1-5)
 - They believed their Hermetic *gnosis* raised them above God's Gospel Word (1Co 1:18-29)
- Currency of God's Realm is **His Knowledge** Man-Woman first rejected, and sinners continue accepting Satan's-Self's lying Delusion (Ge 2:17; 3:5; Jn 8:44; 2Th 2:3-12)
 - Wisdom is discerning and applying God's Truth to self that brings one into congruency with Christ; as a metaphor it cries out to us – God does not *desire* that any should perish; Salvation (Pr 8; Ro Ro 10:9-17; He 5:11-14; 2Pe 3:9)

SATAN'S OR GOD'S KNOWING: TRADE WISDOM FOR GOLD

- Christ gives three metaphors of what God's Truth will produce in those who trade their *special gnosis* for God's *true gnosis*:
- Gold *refined* by fire {Repentance}: Christ tests our hearts so **we** may discover **our** sin; this is how He loves us (Pr 17:3; Ro 1:18-28; 9:14-19; He 12:5-11)
 - God's *testing* of the wilderness Hebrews revealed their sinfulness; they refused to repent, dying in the wilderness while condemning God deficient! (He 3 8-19; 4:4-11)
 - Jews continued *testing* God and refused to repent; *individuals* were saved (Mal 2:17; 3:13-15)
 - Paul warned Christians – Do not commit the same errors; churches failed then and now as these letters attest (Ro 11:13-24)

SATAN'S OR GOD'S KNOWING: WHITE ROBES AND EYE SALVE

- White garments to hide their nakedness, their independence from God
 - Laodicea known for black wool robes; Christ calls them to Salvation; to be hid in Him (Col 3:1-10)
 - Adam and Eve were not originally naked; when they sought *special gnosis* they rejected Christ becoming *naked* on their own *godliness* {asebeia} (Ge 2:22-25; 3:10-11; Job 38-41)
- Christ counsels them to buy eye salve to see their true state {Maturation}
 - Laodicea known for its healing arts lacked true healing of sin: Naked before God
 - Thinking themselves wise, they were fools worshiping Creation rather than its Creator {Hermetic Science(tism)} (Mt 22:1-14)

DANGER OF DYING IN SIN: REFUSING TO HEAR THE WORD

- Laodicea, like today's Christendom, defines itself as good while embracing Black Light – Darkness, but it cannot overcome the Light (Mt 6:22-23; Jn 1-13)
- *Special gnosis* appears to work as it rests on *self-imposed delusion* (2Th 2:3-12)
 - Subset of Creation: Perceived empiricism that rejects-ignores God (Ro 1:18-28)
 - Knowledge gaps *duct-taped* by logical fallacies based on lies (Jn 8:44)
 - Demands adherence to its Hermeticism; i.e., Hegel's Dialectic that removes distinctives forcing uniformity {Critical Theory: Diversity, Inclusiveness; Equality or Lies}
 - Those who *do not go along to get along*, will be persecuted or removed (1Pe 4:12-19)
- Laodicea: *Masquerading as* believers like many today who will be shocked waking up in Hell for refusing to **hear** the Word (Mt 7:21-27; Lk 16:22-31)