

# **Wednesday Bible Study – October 1, 2014**

## **"Command to Recover" – (Revelation 3:18)**

Read [Revelation 3:14-18](#).

Verse 18: "*I counsel you to buy from me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich, and white raiment, that you might be clothed, and may not be manifested the shame of your nakedness, and eye salve to anoint your eyes in order that you may see.*"

### **BIBLE TEACHING IMPORTANT?**

- I. SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO KNOW AND LOVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
- II. LEADS TO OCCUPATION AND A DAILY WALK WITH THE LORD.
- III. PRODUCES CONFIDENCE DURING THE BELIEVER'S LIFETIME.
- IV. THE SOURCE OF DIVINE VIEWPOINT.
- V. BASIS FOR ORIENTATION TO GOD'S PLAN DURING OUR TIME ON THIS EARTH.
- VI. PRODUCES SANITY AND STABILITY OF MIND.
- VII. TRUTH GIVES DIVINE GUIDANCE.
- VIII. AVOIDS MENTAL SATANIC CORRUPTION.

We can only have divine viewpoint when our mind is saturated with God's Word. So it is important to study His word on a consistent daily basis. We study and analyze the scripture from the original text.

### **Information on Translations of the Bible - Literalness**

**More literal, less interpretive, more word-for-word Bible Versions:** NAS, Amp, ASV, ESV, CSB, RSV, KJV, NKJV, NRSV, NAB, NJB, NIV, NCV, ICB

**More paraphrased, more interpretive, more concept-for-concept Bible Versions:** NLT, JB Phillips, GNT, CEV, TLB, MSG

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- **COUNSEL** – PAI 1<sup>st</sup> p.s. of συμβουλεύω – Counsel you
- **BUY** – AAInf. of ἀγοράζω – to buy (get back to Bible Class) – not from the world, the pastor, or the deacons, but from CHRIST. The gold (CHRUSION) is the tried and proven and refined Word of God.
- **TRIED** – PfPP acc. n.s. of πυρόω – refined and tested in fire.
- **RICH** – AA Subj. 2<sup>nd</sup> p.s. of πλουτεῖω – *might be* rich.

#### A COMMAND TO RECOVER

1. God through His Word advises all members of the priesthood.
2. It is God's purpose to give the information but people must be willing to receive and act upon what they receive.
3. Many of the Church in Leodicea, it appears, had reached the stage in Christian advance where God could bless in a tremendous way. It was CAPACITY!
4. Then for whatever reason the major focus was removed, and the capacity dwindled. The eyes moved from the source of the blessings to the blessings themselves.
5. The Lord said: "Buy from the source of Me". Get back in harmony – get back to your class, regain, by perception, your CAPACITY.
6. "gold" = CHRUSION – What has the most intrinsic value? PURE SPIRITUAL RICHES!
7. If a person has *everything* materially, but *no gold* (a proper relationship with God), then *they are paupers* (Matthew 16:26).
8. Gold symbolizes divine righteousness, which can only come from Christ.
9. When one receives Christ – by faith – God imputes the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22 – "even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe...")
10. "in order that you may be rich". What kind of wealth did they need? They had experienced worldly possessions (gold, clothing, eye-salve – banking, textiles, medicines – that Laodicea had to offer).

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#### Revelation 3:18 (Notes)

Some people just will not take a hint!!

- Getting hungry is a wonderful thing in life, but getting satisfying food is more wonderful.
- Being hungry for spiritual food is a wonderful thing, but when hungry, getting satisfying spiritual food is even more wonderful!
- It is so sad that too many people will go through life, and die, without a hunger for spiritual food. They are *careless* in the most important factor of life. *Are we?*