

Sunday Session 1 Bible Study – October 5, 2014 "The Danger of Being Careless" – (Revelation 3:18)

Revelation 3:18 – *"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."*

A devotional from "Our Daily Bread":

To be a healthy Christian, don't treat the Bible as snack food. A cow chews its cud slowly, a process of repeatedly metabolizing their food, transforming it into sustenance, and into rich creamy milk. This is not a waste of time if you like your milk rich and creamy. The Bible is not snack food. The Word of God is designed for us to:

- Strengthen us against sin ([Psalm 119:11](#)).
- Find delight in learning more about our Heavenly Father ([Psalm 119:15, 16](#)).
- Discover many spiritual truths ([Psalm 119:18](#)).
- Find counsel for our daily living ([Psalm 119:24](#)).

We are to meditate every day on the Word of God, clearly not meant for us to intake as "fast food". We are to take time for a *long chew*.

"Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me, as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord. My spirit pants for Thee, oh Living Word." – Taken from "Our Daily Bread"

There are 8 major verbs used in the passage of revelation 3:18. They are *Counsel, Buy, Tried, Be rich, Be clothed, Be manifested, Anoint, and See*. This morning we will have an expanded look at each of them:

- | | |
|--|--|
| ➤ Counsel – PAI 1 st p.s. of συμβουλεύω | ➤ Clothed – AMSubj.2 nd p.s. of περιβαλλω |
| ➤ Buy – AAInf of ἀγοράζω | ➤ Manifested – ASubj.3 rd p.s. of φανερώω |
| ➤ Tried – PfPP acc.n.s. of πυρόω | ➤ Anoint – AAInf. of ἐγχρίω |
| ➤ Rich – AASubj. 2 nd p.s. of πλουτέω | ➤ See – PASubj. 2 nd p.s. of βλέπω |

"The Danger of Being Careless" – (Revelation 3:18)

"I counsel you ..." – the Greek omega at the end of the first word *counsel* means the first person personal pronoun *I* is implied. The *tendential* present tense refers to something that is *purposed*, but not necessarily taking place. The Lord is saying that *"I advise you [to do something that is not necessarily taking place]."* The indicative mood is the mood of reality.

"... to buy gold ..." – Instead of the indicative mood of reality; the *infinitive* mood expresses that our Lord is advising that we *wish or desire* of our Lord and His Word – that we don't go to the malls of the world, but that we go to *Him* to purchase what we need. In effect, *Jesus wants to do business with us*. Do we want to do business with Him? The ingressive aorist tense means that this is to be at a point of time, meaning that we are to begin to desire to buy *gold* from Him. We are to get back to class, to eagerly seek what He offers us: not prosperity and entertainment from the world's malls, but the Truth from Him! Gold is used here to reflect the most important aspect of purchasing, the *intrinsic value* of the trading medium. Gold is the most valuable when it is purified in the fire; this is what the Lord offers us for purchasing.

"... tried in the fire ..." – This means the gold is purified from all infirmities, imperfections and difficulties. The perfect tense means it was tried in the past with the results (that it is *tried and proven* as successful) continuing to now, and to forever in the future. The Word of God was successful in the past, it is successful now, and will always be successful, no matter when or where you hear and use it; God's Word has been tried and proven. If you do this, *you will be rich*.

"... that you may be rich ..." – PLUTEO is the verb which means to *become* rich. Jesus is saying to us that there is no such thing as spiritual *fast food*. We are have God's Word, take it seriously, and study it diligently and frequently so that we can use the Mind of Christ to become spiritually *rich*. The subjunctive mood of this verb means that this is potential; we can say yes or no. People can choose to be spiritually rich, or not rich, or poor.

"... and white raiment, that you may be clothed ..." – Be clothed is the Greek verb PERIBALLO; PERI means *around*, BALLO means *throw*, put together form the verb meaning literally to throw around, as a cloak worn in the ancient world. So this is a reference to the clothing of the day, properly translated "may be clothed [in white raiment]".

"... and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested ..." – The verb means "may not be revealed", again the subjunctive mood means this may or may not occur.

"... and eye-salve to anoint your eyes ..." – To anoint with a salve, the infinitive mood emphasizes we're to have the desire to anoint our eyes; we may or may not have, but if we do, we will see better.

"... that you may see." – BLEPO is also in the subjunctive mood, meaning we may or may not see.

Sunday Session 1 Bible Study – October 5, 2014 (Continued)
"The Danger of Being Careless" – (Revelation 3:18)

Review from Wednesday's Study – Revelation 3:18

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?* This is a dangerous condition indeed!

THE DANGER OF BEING CARELESS

"I advise you to buy from me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich..."

1. There is only *one market* from which to buy what Jesus offers: He says, *"From Me"*.
2. To obtain satisfaction, the Laodiceans didn't need to run to the malls of wealth, and neither do we. The malls of opportunity, materialism and prosperity are just religions. Jesus wants to do business with us. He wants us to buy from Him what He has already tried and proven; this is a *spiritual* transaction, which will result in great quality of life.
3. Jesus also wants the Laodiceans to purchase "white garments" from Him. Continually entering into a transaction with Him keeps us covered from disgrace. What our Lord puts on us keeps us modest, away from disgraceful acts, and away from exposure. He keeps us from behavior that brings embarrassment.
4. The Lord also wanted these folks to buy "eye salve" that allows spiritual sight and vision. They had a famous medical school in Laodicea, but their need was to have spiritual sight.
5. Our Lord is saying by this subjunctive verb BLEPO – See that the eyes must be well, and keep on seeing.

Sunday Session 1 Bible Study – October 5, 2014 (Continued)
"The Danger of Being Careless" – (Revelation 3:18)

Review: 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 Laodicea, 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" = CHURSION – 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).