



## Dear Family in Laodicea

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### **Revelation 3:14-22** Douglas translation

<sup>14</sup>To the messenger of the church in Laodicea write:

This is what the Amen, the Faithful and True Martyr, the Ruler of God's creation, says: <sup>15</sup>I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. Oh, if only, you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>Thus, because you're lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of My mouth! <sup>17</sup> Because you say, "I am one of the wealthy ones who has prospered and doesn't have a single need," you haven't realized that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup>I advise you to buy fire-refined gold from me so that you would be wealthy, white garments from me so that the shame of your nakedness would not be apparent, and eye ointment to apply to your eyes so that you might see. <sup>19</sup>Everyone I love, I convict and correct. Therefore, be devoted and turn to me! <sup>20</sup>See here, I am standing at the door and continue to knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in with him and eat a meal with him as well as he with Me. <sup>21</sup>To one who prevails, I will grant permission to sit with Me on My throne, just as I also prevailed and sat with My Father on His throne. <sup>22</sup>Let the one who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**They lost sight of Jesus' place ABOVE His creation.**

**They lost sight of their place WITHIN their culture.**

**They lost sight of their place with THEIR KING.**