

“Revelation #9”

Revelations 3: 14 - 21 (Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church)

Review: Philadelphia

- **Strengths:** Faithful to the word and true to Jesus’ name!
- **Fault or Rebuke:** None... Despite their weakness, they were strong because of their faithfulness to Jesus.
- **The promise:** They would become a pillar in God’s temple forever in His presence and God’s name would be written on them.
- If you adhere to the doctrine of the timeline of the Christian church throughout its lifespan and history. (**Philadelphia: covers the time from approximately AD1845 – Present**)
- Should be noted that the last three churches cross and intersect until the end.

Text V14 Read.

Passion Translation: *“For these are the words of the amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.”*

- **NKJV...** The beginning of the creation of God / **ESV...** The beginning of God’s creation.
- The beginning / Lit. the Originator or source...

Text V’s 15 -17... Read.

V17... ESV: *“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”*

- This is the deception of worldly riches and prosperity!
- Many today are preoccupied with acquiring wealth and prestige...
- Lose trust in God...

James 1: 9 – 11 *“Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat that it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes, so the rich man will also fade away in his pursuits.”*

See also James 5: 1 – 6

V’s 18 -19 Read.

- Eye salve... Laodicea was known for its school of ophthalmology and was noted for an eye salve it developed.
- Here Jesus admonishes us to apply the eye salve of the Holy Spirit!
- Anoint your eyes...

James 1: 12 ESV: *“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.”*

Hebrews 12: 5 – 6 *“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”*

- If you are lukewarm... be zealous and repent!

V’s 20 – 21 Read.

- When He knocks at your heart’s door... Do you hear His voice?
- Or do the cares of this world drown out His voice... **still small voice.** (1 Kings 19: 11-18)
- Elijah running from Jezebel... 1 Kings 19...

V 21 ***“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne.”***

V22 Read...

Revelation 12: 10 – 11... Read.