

# Come Home Laodicea

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Come home Laodicea. Come to the understanding of who you are.

Mentioned 146 times in Scripture, the number 40 generally symbolizes a period of testing, trial or probation. In the Hebrew Bible, forty is often used for time periods, forty days or forty years, which separate "two distinct epochs". During Moses' life, he lived forty years in Egypt and forty years in the desert before God selected him to lead his people out of slavery. He spent 40 years leading the children of Israel through the wilderness. 40 years, during the time of provocation, as Israel was tried and tested to see if they would obey the Eternal.

Today, from the beginning of the apostasy, it has been nearly 40 years... A time of provocation of the Churches of Laodicea wandering in the wilderness with their backs toward Jesus Christ.

I am not setting any dates, yet it is interesting to note, we will be entering as of January the 37th year of Laodicea. 37 years since the death of Herbert W. Armstrong. We are close to the end of the Church ages. Again, I am not setting any dates, and don't say that I did.

COME HOME LAODICEA! while there is still time before you are vomited into The Great Tribulation.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." (Psalms 91:1)

COME HOME LAODICEA, abide under the shadow of the Almighty. "For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands" (Psalms 92:4).

## A Work awaits you

Laodicea, there is a work being done today by Jesus Christ and it is not what you think. The church was given a Work by Jesus Christ at the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (HWA) and you have forgotten what that Work is. Mr. Armstrong delivered that Work to Joseph Tkach.

Joseph Tkach announced just what that Work is. And I say is, for Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. (Hebrews 13:8)

The Work of Jesus Christ has not changed since it was delivered to the man appointed by Mr. Armstrong as Pastor General before his death. Mr. Tkach announced what was delivered to him by Mr. Armstrong, yet it was ignored by most.

COME HOME LAODICEA! Come home to the work of Jesus Christ. Who among the many disunited Sabbath keeping Churches of God has done a more powerful work than HWA. Who has surpassed HWA at reaching the world with the gospel? Who has visited more heads of state than HWA? You say you are doing the work of Jesus Christ, yet are you really? You boast you are doing the work of Jesus Christ because your numbers have increased... but have they really? You have increased your numbers by allowing the synagogue of Satan to sit among you... you have brought the profane into your congregation, yet where is His Spirit?

COME HOME LAODICEA! contend for the faith once delivered.

Turn to the book of Psalms chapter 94:1 "O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself." (Show yourself to Laodicea!)

Verse 2 "Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. 3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? 4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? 5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage."

## Make the Bride Ready!

COME HOME LAODICEA! Come home to the work of Jesus Christ. Prepare for the return of Jesus Christ. Make the Bride ready. His vengeance is about to break out upon those who have

broken into pieces and scattered the Church of God... Those who have afflicted GOD's Church with apostasy. Those who claim they are Apostles or prophets, and come falsely in the name of Jesus... They defy the Government of the Eternal GOD.

After Mr. Armstrong died, as reported by the newly appointed Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God (WWCG), Joe Tkatch told the church that Mr. Armstrong said before his death, "that the work of the church had changed." The Work of the living Jesus Christ had changed. Jesus Christ had not changed, but His Work had changed. As reported by Mr. Tkatch, Mr. Armstrong told him that the gospel had reached all the nations, that Matthew 24:14 had been fulfilled and now the Work of the church was no longer to take the gospel to the world... but, to wait and to watch for the return of Jesus Christ... and prepare the Bride, for the return of Jesus Christ.

COME HOME LAODICEA! Abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Why was Mr. Armstrong's dying words ignored? Why did the Worldwide Church of God (WWCG) eventually reject what Mr. Tkatch reported as the work of Jesus Christ from the Apostle? Why did they eventually abandon all that was delivered by the last Apostle and reject the knowledge of the Sabbath and Holy Days? Mr. Armstrong gave us that answer before his death.

Come home Laodicea, remember Mr.

Armstrong said we were entering a time of FINAL EXAMS before the return of Jesus Christ.

### **Corruption sets in**

Before his death, Mr. Armstrong was aware as was Moses. Deuteronomy 31:29 "For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands."

After the death of Mr. Armstrong, the Church was utterly corrupted by the shepherds of the Church of GOD and led into apostasy.

COME HOME LAODICEA! Prepare the Bride with righteous garments. Wait and Watch for the return of Jesus Christ. That is the work of Jesus Christ today. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

Behold Laodicea, Jesus Christ stands at the door and knocks. Will you hear His voice Laodicea? Will you hear what Jesus says to the Churches in Revelation 3? Have you kept Christ's word and not denied His name, the Government of GOD (Revelation 3:8)? Have you kept the word of His patience (Revelation 3:10)? Have you held fast what was delivered by the last Apostle (Revelation 3:11)?

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." (Revelation 3:19)

Repent Laodicea... COME HOME LAODICEA to the work of Jesus Christ.

Anoint your eyes with eye-salve Laodicea that you may see, says the voice of Jesus Christ in Revelation 3:18. Anoint your eyes Laodicea that you may see... hear the voice of Jesus Christ as he tells you what you have become in this age... "You have become rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; you do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:" (Revelation 3:17). If you hear the voice of Jesus Christ, open the door to Him. For then Laodicea, He will come in to you and sup with you, instead of leaving you to fend for yourself in the Great Tribulation.

COME HOME LAODICEA!□