

Steps Into End Time Privileges

A serious blunder, a distressing mistake, and a far-reaching failure is being made by the present attitude of many, if not most, of the people of today who are looking for the appearing of the Lord Jesus and the events that will accompany His coming.

Expectancy is on the watchtower, looking for a great downpour of the Latter Rain and the mighty miracles of God to come to pass. This is quite right and proper, but there is something lacking. The required human preparation is not being made. Disappointment dire and sad must ensue unless there is a great change in our attitude.

When seed is to be planted, the soil must be thoroughly prepared, broken up deeply, pulverized. Nobody sows costly seed on the hard unplowed cloddy soil, nor will the Latter Rain fall on the hard unprepared soil of hearts.

God is just, accurate, truly scientific. All His ways are equal. Astronomy, the study of Jehovah's universe, is a vast science of mathematics. Principles of law, order, proper method, suitable means, accurate formulas, pervade the universe and the sciences. Chemistry is founded on definite formulas of combination, which always produce the same results.

When, therefore, we attempt to approach Jehovah and enter into relationship and fellowship with Him, to partake of His grace and life giving blessings, in each and every step, stage and state, we shall find methods, means, rules and laws, which if obeyed and regarded are sure to lead us into satisfactory results.—"Is not crowned except he strive lawfully." 2 Timothy 2:5.

Accordingly, we find instructions for approach to God in end time privileges. They begin by showing and warning us of the low state to be found today among the most spiritual people. All around they show self-satisfaction over their material riches, while they are spiritually wretched, and miserable, poor, blind and naked. (Revelation 3:17,18). This state of spiritual lethargy, indifference and lukewarmness is over the people everywhere. Sad to say, they do not know it. They are blind, miserably blind. This is not a description of the mass of dead professors; it is the state of the best spiritual people. Unless we become zealous and repent of our lukewarmness, God will spue us out.

Divine counsel advises us to buy gold tried in the fire, white raiment and "eye salve that thou mayest see." Great instructions are hidden here in the typology of Revelation's panorama. We see plainly that faith is the purchasing gold (money) of the heavenly kingdom. It is very expensive. It can only be obtained by the crucifixion of the cross of Christ. A terrible mistake is being made here. Anticipated end time privileges evade the grasp of those who neglect the cross. You must pay the full price or you cannot get in. You must take the cross Christ gives you. It is the height of presumptuous folly to think you can escape death and gain translation without dying on the cross. You must get into the school of the Holy Spirit, where He will become your Teacher to instruct you and train you in tests, to prove you and reprove you. You must say, "I will watch to see what HE will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd." Habakkuk 2:1.

You cannot enter end time privileges unless you come to understand His means, methods, processes and deal-

ings. You must buy white raiment also, that has been washed in the precious blood of Jesus, whitened and shrunken, ironed free from wrinkles. None but the heavenly Refiner and Fuller can properly process these costly, skillfully prepared garments. What a shame is the nakedness of those who are not thus clothed!

Then, too, "Anoint thine eyes with eye salve." This means nothing less than Jesus, the Light, illuminating by divine revelation, your spiritual eyesight, so that you can discern the way and works of the Lord; and clearly discern between material wealth with its lure and the way that leads to becoming the mature sons of God. The sons of God are first fruits, ripened grain, and not the shriveled wheat most latter day people resemble. "It is high time to awake out of sleep." "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Romans 13:11; Revelation 3:19.

The sum, the practical application is this: most of us are more or less in the last day Laodicean delusion. That is, we do not know the difference between being materially rich, and being spiritually destitute and naked, without the clothing of the Spirit. Alas! Alas! Shall we become to the Almighty a spue? This long continued system of hearing and not doing the Word of the Lord, has wrought fearful havoc in our spiritual condition. There is little hope for most of us, if we do not get diligent quickly, become zealous and repent of our lack of earnestness: yes, if we do not start to seek the Lord night and day.

Man's sensibilities, in his degenerate state, are dulled, blunted, lethargic and lacking keen, fine feeling. Even after he has come under grace, he easily lapses into a lukewarm condition. THEN, unless he comes under the Divine processes of re-creation, he is not fit for God's use.

Restoration.—A brief survey of that which has been lost. The gift of the Holy Spirit, as received in apostolic times, not only produced a multitude of believers, but also raised up a group of spiritual giants, or grown up sons of God such as Stephen, Peter, Philip, Paul, Timothy, etc. Shallow baptisms, such as the most are today, fail to bring forth these giants. There is a change at hand, a new creation, yes: a re-creation up to the New Testament standard coming forth. Galatians 6:14,15; 2:20.

There will be a return to the full crucifixion of the earth man. Entire sanctification as in 1 Thessalonians 5:23,24 will be reached. Then will come forth the sons of God who are led, guided, impelled, controlled and moved by the Holy Spirit. Again this race of spiritual giants or mature sons of God are about to spring forth. Romans 12:1,2; 8:14; 2 Corinthians 6:16; 2 Peter 1:21.

These works of repair, reconstruction and restoration, are to be followed with new and greater works. The Latter Rain, about which much is being said, and little known, will be outpoured on prepared soil of hearts. The states of the sons of God and Intervention must be entered before the Latter Rain can fall. Make no mistake, it will not fall on unconsecrated, undevoted, prayerless, careless, lukewarm ones. Latter Rain will bring, or be accompanied by, powerful infusions of life for spirit, soul and body. Groaning creation will see the curse roll away forever. It is the New Day Dawn. Some will obtain an eternal inheritance. "Hope for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Partake of the "Reserved Salvation," and see the revelation of the sons of God.

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