

Lukewarm Can Be Lethal

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1 Unbelief is everywhere today and getting worse as the return of Jesus comes ever closer.

2 All the *denying* of God's Creation and all the *accepting* of Darwin's theory is just evidence that the world *refuses* to believe God's inspired Scriptures—that *He created* the universe.

3 Millions will not believe how life began and how it will end if God is left out of their life.

4 It was once said: *From a knowledge of God's work, we shall know Him. Nature is the art of God. As a house implies a builder, and a garment a weaver, so does the existence of the Universe imply a Creator* unquote.

5 Those who do not *believe* that a Supreme Being created what they see, will not *believe* what the Creator wrote—in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

6 And they will *not believe* that Jesus is the Savior who is returning to judge everyone on earth.

7 As knowledge expands and learning *increases*, accepting God's existence and being willing to put faith in Him *decreases*.

8 The evolutionist should ask: *How did life begin? How did life come from non-life? How did the DNA code come about?*

9 Textbooks in public schools show the supposed evolution of many animals, but they did *not* evolve—they were *created*!

10 Those who accept evolution do not believe in a final judgment by a just and merciful God. The world just says: eat, drink, be merry.

11 Many say they believe in Jesus, but they are *lukewarm* to the Truth of the Bible by not *accepting* and *living* the full Truth of those words.

12 This unbelief will prove fatal if they do not repent. The Gospel tells us AV **Luke 12:16** that a farmer's land "*brought forth plentifully*"—so he said **17** "*What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?*"

13 The parable goes on that he built *more* barns to store *more* goods—saying **19** "*Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.*"

14 **20** *But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?*"

15 The man's *lukewarm* attitude toward financial trust in God would prove fatal without repentance.

16 Everyone will appear before God after this life—and it will be a wakeup call for all too many with no second chances.

17 Jesus told *a certain ruler* and everyone else today—NKJV **Luke 18:22** "*You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.*"

18 It is very unfortunate that so many are *not ready* and are *not willing* to allow God to *show* them and to spiritually *prepare* them for a day of judgment!

19 Millions are apathetic to God's Truth, and many more millions clinging to their last dollar rather than *trusting God* each day in faith.

20 This is *not the time to be lukewarm*—but a time to remember the city of Laodicea.

21 This city was on a high plateau and located on one of two large trade routes. Their problem was getting fresh water that was transported by aqueduct. They had to be at peace with neighbors to protect the source of their water supply.

22 The water had to travel such a great distance to get to them, that it arrived impure and *lukewarm*. It was not good to drink and not a pleasant way to live.

23 Laodicea means *people rule*—instead of *Jesus ruling*. This led to an apathetic approach to faith and trust in their Creator.

24 A half-hearted attitude always has a bad ending. Lukewarm plays the middle ground and takes the compromise position. *Lukewarm* does not make waves, but *Truth* certainly can!

25 Jesus is knocking on the Laodicean church door—will they hear and let Him in?

26 Will they repent of unbelief and give their excess financial possessions to God by giving to charity? Will they bear spiritual fruit and see their faith in God increase?

27 Jesus *reproves* those He loves and He *accepts* everyone who wants to follow Him. AV **John 6:37** "*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*"

28 We all have a *choice*, and we all will *decide* which direction to walk—*toward* the cross or away from it.

29 The middle ground of indifference and compromise is not acceptable. Jesus *gave* the Truth to the Laodiceans, and we must *live* that Truth in the world today.

30 Many observe our life and watch us—are we a beacon of light? Today is *not* a day to be lukewarm for Jesus.

31 The devil tries to blind people to the Truth—he does not bother church members or ministries that do not teach on financial trust.

32 Too many churches give a watered-down, lukewarm truth that omits principles of faith and trust on God which cannot *be* omitted. Omitting those *trust principles* is what being *lukewarm* is all about.

33 Many churches have become a business—*Church Incorporated* is not pleasing to God. Living for pleasure and prosperity will lead to destruction and ruin.

34 Satan wants people to think that the most powerful Document ever written, the Bible, is not true or just not possible to apply today. If anyone accepts the *lukewarm* attitude of the Laodiceans—it will be *lethal*.

35 The number one problem in the world today is the rejection of Jesus as God in the flesh.

36 This disinterest in God's Truth is the root cause of all the wickedness and all other sins heard about today.

37 But if anyone will accept Jesus into their heart and live the life He explains in Scripture, their problems will lessen and their learning increase.

38 The time is approaching when everyone will give account of their life on earth—this is *no time to be lukewarm*—the Day of Judgment is on the horizon.

39 Apostasy in the world is getting worse—a time when people will *not* heed God's command to live by faith in Him for one day's needs; they will not forgive anyone who harms them; and they will not trust Him for healing.

40 The world in general does *not* listen to the warnings to *forgive* those who sin against them; They will *not* heed God's teaching on having no laid-up treasures to depend on—and is why the

world stockpiles everything imaginable. Financial security is a primary concern.

41 We live in dangerous times—so many do not *read* God's Word and even *less* have any idea of God's plan of trust in Him for daily needs.

42 The world is just not aware that we are to *love* and *forgive*. Ephesians 4:32 "*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*" Colossians 3:13 "*Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*"

43 This life is like a vapor—here one minute, on the other side the next.

44 Our destination has to be the one God has *prepared* for His children—but that preparation has to begin and continue *here* on earth.

45 God built a mansion for believers in Jesus—for all those who *love*, and *trust*, and *live* by faith Him.

46 Jesus said Matthew 6:14-15 "*Your heavenly Father will forgive you if you forgive others,*"

47 Luke 6:37 "*Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.*"

48 This emphasis on forgiveness is a command—not an option—a command from God the Father.

49 People today take food and many other things for granted, but now is the day to thank God for what He provides each day, rather than stockpile food for the future in a freezer. Use it today or share it tomorrow with a family. It is not difficult to do, but it takes a willingness to do.

50 There will be an unfortunate end for so many because they have *refused* to repent and *refused* to accept Jesus as their Lord and Redeemer.

51 So many have not read His words nor lived by His Sermon Matthew 5, 6, 7. They would *not* listen to Him when He was here but *mocked* and *ridiculed* Him.

52 People have been given all the time in this *world* to repent—but a day of judgment is approaching.

53 Following that day, and if no true repentance is forthcoming, they will have all the time in *eternity* to *regret* their decision not to turn their life around.

54 The warning is clear NIV 2 Peter 3:11 "*Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?*"

55 *You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.*"

56 AV 2 Corinthians 6:2 "*Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*"

57 Choices have consequences and they are often *eternal* ones! NKJV John 5:22 "*For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.*"

58 This is *No Time to be Lukewarm!*



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