

A Blind Beggar's Prayer

I praise You for showing Yourself to me as:

The Amen, the "Truly, truly," who speaks the truth in love

The Faithful and True Witness who does everything possible to get me through the judgment.

The Origin of God's Creation, the Owner of all who speaks with creative power to make me new.

The White Garment Seller

The Gold Merchant, The Eye Doctor

The Counselor, Teacher, and Loving Parent who counsels, rebukes, and chastens

The Dearest Friend who comes to eat with me

The Conqueror who equips me

By the healing eyesalve of the Holy Spirit and God's word, search my heart and reveal who I am apart from You.
I confess the ways in which I am:

Lukewarm

Wretched

Miserable

Poor

Blind

Naked

By Your grace I repent, turning from who I am to who You are.
I put my trust in Your Righteousness, the perfect covering for my failures and everything need to become what You desire today and tomorrow.

I reflect on the Gold Merchant's offer:

What great things do know that God wants to do but I don't have the faith enough to ask for it?

What special things do I know God wants me to do but I don't have the love sufficient to do it?

What doubts do I have about the finishing of God's mission because of my people's Laodicean state?

I give You my doubts, self-trust, my little faith and love, my ALL to "buy" the golden faith that works by love, a Jesus-size faith and love with which to fulfill all Your "Mission Impossible!"

"When it (the Laodicean Message) was first presented, it led to close examination of heart. Sins were confessed, and the people of God were stirred everywhere. Nearly all believed that this message would end in the loud cry of the third angel. But as they failed to see the powerful work accomplished in a short time, many lost the effect of the message. I saw that this message would not accomplish its work in a few short months. It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel. As this message affected the heart, it led to deep humility before God. Angels were sent in every direction to prepare unbelieving hearts for the truth. The cause of God began to rise, and His people were acquainted with their position. If the counsel of the True Witness had been fully heeded, God would have wrought for His people in greater power. Yet the efforts made since the message has been given, have been blessed of God, and many souls have been brought from error and darkness to rejoice in the truth.

God will prove His people. Jesus bears patiently with them, and does not spew them out of His mouth in a moment" (1T 186).



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