

# SERMON NOTES P M

## THE GENERATION THE CHURCH DIES

*Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— (Revelation 3:17)*

### Revelation 3:14-17 (p 1409)

Laodicea = \_\_\_\_\_ Sardis = \_\_\_\_\_

Colosse – Next to Laodicea *Colossians 2:1-3 (p 1353); 4:16 (p 1355)*

### The Church of the Laodiceans *Revelation 3:14-22 (p 1409)*

Two views: God's view and their view

1. Laodicea ... rich, wealthy, have need of \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus ... wretched, miserable, poor, blind, \_\_\_\_\_

Counsel given in *verse 18*

They failed to appreciate their condition or recognize their needs!

### CATHEDRAL AGE OF CHRISTIANITY

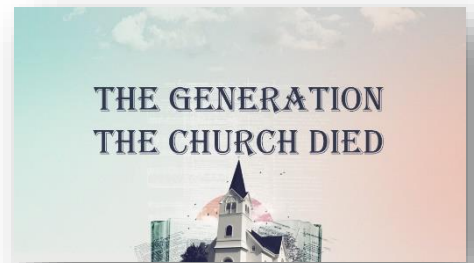
#### Some Shocking Truths About The Church

*"Religious movements always begin in caves, and they always die in cathedrals." (Vance Havner)*

Social Acceptance – A Place of Prominence! Fits the model of Sardis in *Revelation 3:1*

#### Five 'M' to church growth (Vance Havner)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ – the fervor, zeal, dedication to message
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ – attracted to movement; lack devotion
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ – ways to carry out mission of MAN
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ – methods failed; machine age
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ – a place of dead bones



#### Lessons From Laodicea and Sardis

The seven churches are Asia are models of churches through the centuries – and today!

We have attained social \_\_\_\_\_ and prestige.

#### What About The Church In America?

- ✓ How closely does the church today look like and act like the church of the 1st Century?
- ✓ Maybe it is a good thing if the church as we know it today ceased to exist.
- ✓ Is it impossible for the Brooksville church to \_\_\_\_\_?
- ✓ IS THIS THE GENERATION THE CHURCH DIES?

Why The Sermon? The church will never cease to exist *Hebrews 12:28 (p 1384)*

This lesson comes from *2 Corinthians 13:5 (p 1336)*

SARDIS and LAODICEA *Revelation 3:2-3; 18-20 (p 1409)*

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## ELIJAH THE DISCOURAGED PROPHET

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. (Matthew 17:1-3)

### Matthew 17:1-8 (p 1132)

#### Elijah the Tishbite *1 Kings 17:1 (p 410)*

- Ahab & Jezebel wicked rule *1 Kings 16:29-33 (p 409)*
- Elijah proclaims a \_\_\_\_\_ *Deut. 29:20-24 (p 233)*
- Mount Carmel *1 Kings 18:17-40 (p 412)*
- Drought ends after \_\_\_\_\_ *1 Kings 18:41-45 (p 413)*
- Elijah is excited *1 Kings 18:46 (p 413)*
- Jezebel seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah *1 Kings 19:1-2 (p 413)*

#### The Discouraged Prophet *1 Kings 19 (p 414)*

- ☉ The broom tree *v4*
- ☉ The Lord speaks *v9*
- ☉ Elijah answers *v10*
- ☉ Lord sends signs *vv11-12*
- ☉ The Lord speaks *v13*
- ☉ Same answer *v14*
- ☉ Instructions given *vv15-18*



### Elijah is hiding in a cave scared, discouraged and he thinks alone

#### THE ELIJAH SYNDROME

Homes, the Church, Communities, Self

God would not have it – \_\_\_\_\_ !

**SO SHALL MY WORD BE THAT GOES FORTH FROM MY MOUTH; IT SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME VOID, BUT IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH WHAT I PLEASE, AND IT SHALL PROSPER IN THE THING FOR WHICH I SENT IT. (ISAIAH 55:11)**

And behold, the Lord passed by, and **a great and strong wind** tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind **an earthquake**, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake **a fire**, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire **a still small voice**.

*1 Kings 19:11-12 (p 414)*

**FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND. 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (P 1366)**