

Be Cold or Hot, Not Lukewarm

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When God calls you, He does so touching the door of your heart. You can show indifference, act like you did not hear and Harden your heart. For this reason, the Bible warns again and again not to harden your heart.

Scripture 1: HEBREWS 3:7-8,12-19

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, ⁹ Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, ‘They always go astray in *their* heart, And they have not known My ways.’ ¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ” ¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but ^[b]exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” Failure of the Wilderness Wanderers ¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was *it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? ¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.


God is the one who calls from the beginning, looking for His creation. For example, when Adam sinned, it was God who looked for Him, while Adam was hiding.

Scripture 2: GENESIS 3:8-9

And they heard the ^[c]sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the ^[d]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

God also called Noah

Scripture 3: GENESIS 6:8-13

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. **Noah Pleases God** ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man,  perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. **The Ark Prepared** ¹³ And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

God called Abraham.

Scripture 4: GENESIS 12:1-2

Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family
And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

God called Moses in the burning bush.

Scripture 5: Exodus 3:2-4

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” ⁴ So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

We always see this pattern. It’s not people who seek God. On the contrary, God seeks people, and that is wonderful.

Scripture 6: Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Scripture 7: Psalm 22:9-10

But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts. ¹⁰ I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You *have been* My God.

Scripture 8: John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

When you respond to the call of God, He puts you in the way so that you start to give good fruit, giving you the power to ask and receive His blessings, like it says in *John 15:16*; like the Prophet Samuel, who was called by God more than three times, until he heard His voice and responded: Speak, Lord; Your servant hears.

Scripture 9: 1 SAMUEL 3:3-10

and before the lamp of God went out in the ^[a]tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, ⁴ that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" ⁵ So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. ⁶ Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

We know that the time the Bible has promised is near, that is the Great Tribulation, when things will get ugly in this world. However, God has called you to give good fruit. He has called you to be hot, full of the Spirit of God because if not, you will be cold or lukewarm, and God rejects such people from His Kingdom.

Scripture 10: Revelation 3:13-22

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” **The Lukewarm Church** ¹⁴ “And to the [i]angel of the church [i]of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵ “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither [k]cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ 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— ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.[i] Therefore be [m]zealous and repent.²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²² “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ’ ”

In this way, the Way of the Lord, you can be hot, cold, or lukewarm. The verse before is clear. Therefore, you decide where you want to keep yourself.

******Three Simple Definitions Related to this Topic: Cold, Hot, or Lukewarm ******

- a. Cold Heart=This heart is not right with God.**
- b.Lukewarm Heart=You know that you are wrong, but you don’t change anything (Heart of Stone)**
- c.Hot Heart =When you are in the way, serving God.**

******Symptoms of a lukewarm and cold heart*****

But the lukewarm starts to show their fruit, first by hardness of heart, when they know they are doing wrong and doing wrong does not even bother them. Instead, they take doing wrong lightly. They don’t seek God. Praising God bores them. The Word or sermons bore them. They say, When will this service be over? They say the things of the world are more attractive than the things of God. God warns us that in the last days, there will be people like that.

Scripture 11: 2 Timothy 3:1-4

But know this, that in the last days ^[a]perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, ^[b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

******Symptoms of a Hot Heart ******

He that is hot for God is he who takes his flesh to obedience so that the Spirit of God Will work in al lof his life, renouncing the desires of the flesh and letting the fruit of the Spirit work in their lives as followers of Christ.

Scripture 12: Galatians 5:16-25

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: ^[d]adultery, ^[e]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, ^[f]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ ^[g]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

To conclude, we have been called to have a hot heart for God, always giving good fruit for His glory. Christ is the one who calls, and we should examine ourselves and ask ourselves: Am I truly following Christ, or do I have a lukewarm Christian life? Respond in your heart...

Scripture 13: ROMANS 10:9-10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the

heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Scripture 14: 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Scripture 15: Acts 17:30

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,