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II. He offers a **Remedy**. (Rev. 3:2,3)

<sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

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III. He promises a **Reward**.(Rev. 3:4,5)

<sup>4</sup> Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

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## Revelation 1:11

<sup>11</sup> which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

## 1 Samuel 16:7

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13

### Final Instructions

<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

## Ephesians 2:1

Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins

## Galatians 6:1

Doing Good to All

6 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

## 2 Timothy 2:15

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

## James 1:22

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

## Amos 5:18-24

### The Day of the Lord

<sup>18</sup> Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light.<sup>19</sup> It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.<sup>20</sup> Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?<sup>21</sup> “I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me.<sup>22</sup> Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them.<sup>23</sup> Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

## Proverbs 19:17

<sup>17</sup> Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

## Revelation 20:11-15

### The Judgment of the Dead

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup> Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

## Matthew 10:32

<sup>32</sup> “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.