

Anoint your eyes with eye-salve

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“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see” (Revelation 3:18).

Salve is a softening agent. Something to soften our eyes, the way we see. It is a healing agent with soothing influences that helps remedy disease.

God told the Laodiceans to anoint their own eyes with eye-salve. To apply the healing, softening and soothing agents of the Lamb to their eyes. To soften their eyes from their harsh and judgmental views to see through the nature of God, and out from the eyes of Jesus.

Eyes that did not see Jesus were therefore living in spiritual poverty. They did not need eye surgery, but eye salve. They needed something added to their eyes so they could see. A softening agent, and tenderizing influence that would allow their hard viewpoints to melt and then turn again to the face of Jesus. They needed to be touched by the Lamb in their eyes, just enough to settle down and soothe the seething issues that darkened their view. Just enough salve to remind them what spirit they are of and begin to use their eyes as vessels of Lamb life rather than tools of spreading judgment and criticism.

If we get an infection in our eye, we will willingly go down to the drugstore and buy an ointment that we can apply to the infected eye to soothe the pain and help it heal. In like manner, we can with the hands of our own faith, receive the salve of the nature of God's Word and apply that to our eyes regularly until we can see clearly. It is our responsibility to apply the ointment, to anoint our own eyes. God's word counsels us to *“anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou might see” (Rev. 3:18b).*

Where there is lukewarm-ness and blindness, the Lord brings us to once again consider our eyes. In what condition are they? Hard? Turned in the wrong direction? What do they see and by what spirit are they viewing things? Is there a coldness in their view of others or the warmth of God's mercies influencing the outlook. The Lamb is Salve. Apply Him. Put a thick coat of Jesus over your eyes and let His soothing nature seep in and bring the healing influence of Lamb life. To see through Jesus and by His nature is to have successfully removed the blindness.***