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Heat is felt. It is a catalyst. It is active and prompts reactions. It has energy and works. It has power to accomplish. It owns unique qualities, and its primary function is *increase*. Revelation 3:15-16 ⇒ ‘I see what you do, and I wish you were hot, or cold; but being neither makes me *vomit* you out.’ **Why is God so *emphatic* about these temperatures?**

This text is a letter to a church; its context is passion for God ⇒ Revelation 3:14-22. God placed a witness of Himself inside everyone ⇒ Romans 1:20; Ecclesiastes 3:11. The heat / intensity of our heart towards God and our lifestyle prove if we love Him in return.

God Wants A Hot Bride. God is all about intense intimacy. God hates those who knowingly pervert relationship into religiosity. God loves sinners who accept His offer to trade their sin for His love; they become the Bride of Christ. Time is temporary, where God finds His Bride on earth; eternity is permanent, where God enjoys her in Heaven.

This is all predicated on **Him**: the only God, the only self-existent One, the only Creator, the only Savior. For the only sovereign one to have a spouse, God created us for Himself with a free will to love Him by choice, and rewards that choice with salvation. It was the only way to produce eternal intimacy; very costly for Him, and excellent for us.

Understand *why* God is so *emphatic*: See how *stupid* it is to view life from a human-only standpoint; Realize the importance of the relationship of Christianity and the *damned foolishness* of religiosity and atheism; Comprehend why Christians continue to evangelize millennium after millennium, even among severe persecution; **Most of all:** know why **God Wants A Hot Bride** and *accept His invitation to be it*.

This revelation thoroughly reshapes the lives of those who embrace it. Being aware of- and being intimate with- the only God, the author of good, causes great worship, praise and appreciation of Him. His creating us, saving us from our sin, and inviting us to be His Bride forever in sheer ecstasy causes us to be **Hot** for Him now and forever... in Heaven.

Lukewarm is worse than cold ⇒ Revelation 3:16, which may not seem to make sense at first. The extremes of hot and cold have something important in common: *passion*. The contrast of those who are **Cold** against God actually makes the truth shine even brighter! But the ambiguity of the lukewarm keeps them from decisiveness, leaving them impotent and passionless. This choice to be wimpy separates them from God forever... in hell.

There is more: God loves us so much that He adds incentives to help convince us to return His love ⇒ Luke 18:29-30. Obeying Him blesses our life on earth right now, too. One very obvious way is in marriage, which he directly patterned after our relationship with Him. This means **God Wants us to have A Hot Bride** (or bridegroom) as well.

What is a hot spouse, Biblically? A hot spouse is *emphatic* about passion, such that a lack of it would make them want to *vomit*. Besides living the fifth paragraph above, they apply that *same* type of Godly passion to *their* own spouse. They seek God in Scripture and prayer for inspiration on how to love *their* spouse deeper and better. If their spouse is a Christian, they also focus on being a three-strand cord ⇒ Ecclesiastes 4:12, being God’s Hot Bride *together*. Married or not, **be God’s Hot Bride**. ♥ Loren and Kathy Falzone