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Title: America, Wake Up!

Scripture Text: Ezekiel 3:17-19

Our scripture text today, is from Ezekiel chapter 3, verses 17 to 19:

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself."

-- May the Lord add His Blessing to the reading of His Word!

-- I am Doctor Rob White with the A U L C Ministries with our message this week.

-- I am happy that you can take a few minutes out of your busy week to be with us today!

In this passage, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman over Israel, tasked with warning the people of their wicked ways. If he fails to warn them, their blood is on his hands. If he does warn them and they do not repent, they will die for their sins, but Ezekiel will have saved himself. America, like Israel, stands in need of a prophetic warning. Today, we will examine how we are insulting God in our homes, our daily habits, our schools, and our churches.

Today, just like several decades ago, we are insulting God in our homes! This can be summed up in several ways:

A revival is needed in the home first. Our homes are the foundation of society. If the home is strong, society will be strong. Consider the foundation of a house. No matter how beautiful the structure, if the foundation is weak, the house will crumble. Similarly, our homes must be built on the solid foundation of God's Word and principles.

- **Millions of homes have been broken, ruined, destroyed.** Many families today are fractured. Divorce rates are high, and many homes are filled with strife and discord. I once visited a home where the walls were covered in beautiful artwork, but the air was thick with tension and anger. Despite the outward beauty, the broken relationships inside were painfully evident.
- **Millions of mothers and children have been deserted by husbands and fathers.** The impact of absentee fathers is devastating. A small boy once described his home as a place where you eat and sleep, where your parents argue, and where your big brother beats you up. This paints a tragic picture of the reality many children face.
- **People of the 20th century may have conquered space but lost the ability to build strong, healthy homes.** We have made incredible advancements in technology and science, yet we struggle to maintain the basic unit of society—the family. Despite our achievements in space exploration and technological advancements, we have lost sight of how to build and maintain strong, healthy homes.
- **Only in sound and happy homes can juvenile misconduct be prevented.** The strength to overcome the hazards of building a home lies in spiritual depth and a return to Godly principles. Only in sound and happy homes can we prevent juvenile misconduct. A stable home environment, rooted in faith, is essential for raising well-adjusted children.

Just as a tree planted in good soil and properly cared for will grow strong and bear fruit. Similarly, children raised in sound and happy homes, grounded in faith, will grow into responsible and well-adjusted adults.

- **Unless families turn back to God, America is in deep trouble.** Parents must place God first in their homes and be proper examples for their children. This is the foundation for a healthy society. If families do not turn back to God and prioritize His teachings, our nation is in grave danger.

Like a ship without a compass is lost at sea, drifting aimlessly. Without God's guidance in our homes, we are like that ship, lost and headed for disaster.

Just like insulting God in our homes, we are insulting God in our daily habits! Our daily habits reflect a lot about who we really are. Just like any kind of habit, there are good habits and bad habits.

This is a generation of profane tongues. Our daily habits often reflect a lack of reverence for God. Profanity and vulgar language have become commonplace. Imagine a well that has been contaminated. No matter how pure the source, if the water is polluted at the point of drawing, it becomes undrinkable. Our speech is a reflection of our hearts.

Profanity is pervasive in public places. Men, women, teenagers, and even children use profanity openly, dragging God's name through the mud. You hear it on the streets, in grocery

stores, garages, shops, factories, offices—everywhere. The sacred names of God and Jesus Christ are often used as curse words.

The name of God and Jesus Christ is used carelessly and profanely in our daily conversations. This is a direct insult to our Creator and Redeemer.

Even Sunday School teachers and pastors can be guilty of this. James 3:10 says, "Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be." Sadly, even those who teach and preach God's Word can fall into this sin. As Christians, we must be vigilant and guard our tongues, ensuring our speech honors God.

Profanity, once confined to certain places, is now everywhere. Profanity, which used to be confined to barber shops, taverns, and places where the "rough" people hung out, is now found everywhere. Even little children swear and curse like old drunkards of yesteryear. If you are guilty of this, ask God for forgiveness. Judgment is coming if we do not repent.

When we insult God in our homes and daily habits, we also are insulting God in our schools too!

Teachers and coaches set poor examples. The education system is a vital part of our society, but it is also an area where we are falling short. Teachers and coaches often set poor examples for students through their attitudes, language, and morals. Think of a sculptor working with clay. The quality of the final sculpture depends on the skill and integrity of the sculptor. Our teachers and coaches mold young minds, and their influence is profound.

Prayer and the Bible have been removed from our schools. This nation was founded on biblical principles, yet we have removed the very foundation of our moral compass. Prayer and God's Word, the Bible, have been taken out of our schools. Even our coins carry the slogan, "In God We Trust." Yes, God at one time blessed this country.

Evolution is taught as fact, dismissing God's creation. God's Word teaches that He created the heavens and the earth and man. But now the great minds of this country are teaching our children that mankind has evolved from a tiny speck of protoplasm floating out in space and that the universe gave life all by itself. We must return to God in our schools to avoid great danger. Teaching evolution as fact dismisses God's role as Creator. It's like attributing a beautifully crafted watch to a random explosion in a factory. We must return to teaching God's truth in our schools.

When Charles Darwin developed his theory of evolution in 1859, who would have thought that this book would become a basis for creation, over the actual Book of Creation, The Bible, which had been written hundreds of years earlier and had been considered the "historical record" of life as we know it!

And finally, we are also insulting God in our Churches!

Some denominations deny essential truths of the Christian faith. Our churches are supposed to be beacons of truth, but many have strayed from the core tenets of the faith. Some denominations deny the divinity of Jesus Christ, the efficacy of His sacrifice, and the reality of

His resurrection and ascension. Imagine a lighthouse without a light. It may still stand tall, but it no longer serves its purpose. Similarly, churches that deny the divinity of Christ and the power of His sacrifice are failing their divine purpose. No wonder so many churches are spiritually dead.

More church members are at movies and watching TV than in church. In America, once "God's Country," there are more church members at the movies and watching television on Sunday nights than there are in church services. Our priorities have shifted, and God has been pushed to the background. Even on Sunday Mornings, a time that used to be set aside for worshipping God, is now a time for youth to be on the sports field, playing soccer or football, instead of being in Church. Big Sports games are now scheduled for Sundays to compete with worship services, where the Church loses out most of the time for these games.

Indifference toward faith and the lost is rampant. Many Christians are indifferent toward their faith and the lost. Church attendance is low, and conversions are rare. We must rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission. Hundreds of churches have had no one saved during worship services throughout the year. God is being insulted with our careless, indifferent attitude toward His Church, the lost, and the backslidden Christian. God is going to do something to this country if we don't change our ways! Indifference toward faith and the lost is like a fire that has lost its warmth and light. We must rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission, ensuring our churches are vibrant and alive with His Spirit.

As we conclude today, **Our homes, daily habits, schools, and churches are all areas where we have insulted God.** From our homes to our daily habits, schools, and churches, we have insulted God. This has led to a breakdown in marriages, rampant juvenile delinquency, and a high crime rate. Over three out of five marriages end in divorce because there are few biblical marriages anymore. Our neglect of God's principles in these areas has led to societal decay. Like a garden left untended, we see weeds of sin and strife choking out the good.

God warned the people in Noah's day, in Sodom and Gomorrah, and often in Israel, but they did not listen, and each time God's judgment fell upon the people. Just as God warned ancient societies of impending judgment, He is warning us today. We must heed His call to repentance and righteousness.

God has warned our country. Just look around at where we once were with God and where we are today. Like a patient who ignores early symptoms of a disease, our country has ignored God's warnings. We must recognize the signs and return to Him.

What is the answer? God is surely going to bring judgment upon America unless we as Christians get ourselves right with God first and then try to get our nation back to God where it started. Christians must get right with God and lead the nation back to Him. The answer lies in repentance. Like a prodigal son returning to his father, we must turn back to God and seek His forgiveness and guidance.

America is not immune to God's judgment—it is coming. Let us, as believers, examine our lives and repent. Let us lead by example in our homes, daily habits, schools, and churches. Only then can we hope to steer America back to its divine purpose and avert the judgment that is

surely coming. Judgment is coming, but it is not too late. Just as Nineveh repented and was spared, so can we turn back to God and find mercy.

Brothers and sisters, let us take this message to heart. Let us return to God in every aspect of our lives. May we become the light and salt in this nation, guiding it back to righteousness. America, wake up and return to God!

-- That's our Lord's message for this Lord's Day and I hope you got a blessing out of it!

-- Go out this week and be a blessing and be blessed! -- For the more you are a blessing, the more you will be blessed!

-- Thank you all for watching and listening and we will see you all next week!

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