

Lukewarm Church (Compilation)

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The sermon calls for a radical return to true faith and repentance in the face of a spiritually complacent and lukewarm church in America.

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Scripture: Matthew 3:7, Matthew 16:2, Hebrews 12:14

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the need for revival in America. He compares the spiritual state of the nation to being spiritually fat and lacking holiness and purity. He criticizes the focus on material wealth and the idolization of money, television, and sports. The preacher warns that judgment will come upon America if there is no revival, and urges the people of God to repent and turn away from their sinful ways. He believes that revival will come amidst great judgments, and emphasizes that judgment begins at the house of God.

Transcript

We live in a day where absolutely everything we see in Christendom is almost sick to the core. It grieves my heart so terribly to come to a nation that has for 200 years had revivals every 50 years and see what a state of lukewarmness it lives in. It shocks me to see the lack of discernment I see on every hand amongst every prophetic ministry so called that I come across.

It shocks me to the core and all we have here is pretense and shallowness and lukewarmness to a degree which I've seen nowhere else. What is God going to do to you America? Do you know what America is blessed with? A lukewarm church and a lukewarm prophetic movement. The church is sick! False prophets who tickle your ears.

You have to pay hundreds of dollars to get your ears tickled real good. The church is sick! When you go to their conferences they take your money, they jump on a plane and they go to another 5 star hotel where they live in luxury. I'm telling you there are guys who get picked up in limos from the airport who claim to be prophets and stand in the place in our modern day of Elijah the prophet and if he could see them he'd spin in his grave.

We have so many people saying the Elijah's of God are coming. Oh the Elijah ministries are coming. What on earth do you think he will do with this circus when he arrives? What will he do? What will he do? Will he

join it? Will he get his camel here and his honey and the locusts that he's been eating? Chuck it all aside and go and join the big swank fat cats sitting in their hotels? Can you imagine him doing that? No, he'll blister the walls with his words.

He will cry out to America, repent or you shall all likewise perish. I'm telling you the day is coming, it is so near. America stands on a precipice.

I've been saying it everywhere I go, America stands on a precipice unless the people of God do something different to what they're doing now, it's all gone, it's over. I believe God's heart is grieved by this nation to such a degree you have no idea and revival will come in the midst of judgments the like of which you've never seen. Judgment begins at the house of God.

Now is the end come upon me and I will send mine anger upon thee. Judgment begins at the house of God. And mine eye shall not spare neither will I have pity upon thee.

I will recompense. The morning has come, it watches for thee. All hands shall be feeble and all knees shall be weak as the water.

The sword is without and the famine within and ye shall be rooted up out of your land for all of your sins. It's not hellfire preaching, it's conviction of sin preaching. Charles Finney used to preach on this kind of stuff.

Let me give you an example. He actually preached on this place near Antwerp, New York. You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell? That was his opening sentence.

Here's another one, Charles Finney. One of the greatest revivalists America has ever seen. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

And then he proved the entire sermon he spent proving that they weren't holy, that they had no holiness. He would not accept it to have an audience that could still look him in the eye at the end of his sermon. If they were still able to look him in the eye, he had failed in his point of view.

They had to be looking down and couldn't look him in the eye before he was happy. I'll tell you about an example. This is from Charles Finney's autobiography.

This happened many times, this kind of thing. I had not spoken to them in this strain of direct application more than a quarter of an hour when all at once an awful solemnity seemed to settle down upon them. The congregation began to fall from their seats in every direction and cry for mercy.

If I had had a sword in each hand, I could not have cut them off their seats as fast as they fell. For a generation, America has not heard preaching like that. And that is why the church is in the state it's in now.

All you need is some flaming John the Baptist to go through and break up the fallow ground. And underneath that is soft, beautiful soil that God has been fertilizing and pouring rain on for 200 years, longer than any other nation. You know what the idol of America is? It's mammon.

You know what some of the junior idols are? They're things like television and sport. Same in my nation. We just copy you guys.

We see these beautiful ads made in Americas quite often. You know, big trucks, big four-wheel drives. Cost about \$60,000 New Zealand dollars.

And everybody looks at those ads on TV and they go, Wow, if only I had a nice house, a nice car, nice successful business, boy, wouldn't I be made? Is that the American dream or is it the American lie? Isn't that the lie of the devil, what those people are thinking? Why does that get called the American dream? Is that the American dream or is it the American lie? Didn't I just spell out then the American dream? If only I own that, own that, and own that, I'll be happy. If only I can marry the beautiful girl like we see on TV, I'll be happy. I think that's the lie of the devil.

But it's culturally so ingrained here. It really is. It is so ingrained.

People marry up money and religion together all the time. People think if you can build a big church building, man, you got it made. People think if only thousands will come and hear my ministry and pay hundreds of dollars to get into my conferences, boy, I must be the best preacher in the world.

No, mate, you're just the best at tickling their ears. America, what will God do with you if you do not have revival? How deep will the judgments be? Judgment begins at the house of God. Now is the end come upon me And I will send mine anger upon thee I will recompense And mine eye shall not spare Neither will I have pity upon thee You've grown fat.

You've grown fat, America. Spiritually terribly, terribly fat. We are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing.

But we do not know that we are poor and blind and miserable and naked. Jesus said to the Lukewarm Church, Repent. Put eyesalve on your eyes so you can see your miserable state before me.

Put on white raiment so you're actually clothed in holiness, not this cheap garbage that you're preached from the pulpit by preachers who tell you that you've got the grace of God when you're 500 million miles away from it. America, what will it take? You've grown fat. You've grown fat, America.

Spiritually terribly, terribly fat. Judgment begins at the house of God. He say the sky is red and gnawing, therefore a storm draws nigh.

He can discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the time. John Wesley used to preach sermons like this. He would say, here's what the inside of a born again person is like.

And he would basically have an entire sermon of scriptures about what it's the holiness and purity of heart that is absolutely normal and is the possession of every true born again person. By the time he'd finished preaching, most of the people in his audience almost always had concluded, I'm not born again. I'm not born again.

I'm not born again. By the description that that man has just given of a born again person, the interior of me does not look like that. I'm not born again.

America, God is going to raise up guys to preach that message, believe me. And how America needs preachers like that. How America needs John the Baptist today.

And so we see iniquity abounding, so we know our redemption is nigh. So let us flee out of Babylon. Lest we get consumed in her iniquities.

And let us not look back for anything. But let us be watching for God. And I believe God wants to raise up John the Baptist throughout this nation, who will dig up the fallow ground and find underneath that God's been preparing revival.

But if the John the Baptist don't come through with their piercing message, with their unpopular message, we're all dreaming. And all the guys who go around prophesying revival are completely wasting your and my time. I'm so sick of the church and I'm part of it.

So many people are sick of the church that they've been opting out in their hundreds and thousands. We hardly know they're gone. We're too busy having a party.

And just for Tuesday, let theology attend all the right days. But will you return to true love? Will you die to this world? Will you lay down your dead works and the worries of this life, and the pleasures passing by? I'm so sick of the church and I'm part of it. So many people are sick of the church that they've been opting out in their hundreds and thousands.

We hardly know they're gone. We're too busy having a party. We have got to see John the Baptist rise up, who will preach the most searing message you have heard in your lives.

John the Baptist who will tear from you in your hearts, your cars and your houses and your beautiful things, and show you that they are baubles and they're worth nothing. Who will take from you the American dream and say, isn't this garbage? Do we live for these things, Christians? Do we even indulge in these things? Are we serving man or God? Because Jesus said you cannot serve both. Is the church serving mammon? Is the church serving mammon? Are you serving mammon? Or God? Peter and John, they whipped and said, do not speak in this name again.

They went straight out and spoke in that name. The John the Baptist that are coming will be of that nature. They'll be of that order.

Some of the people around you are going to hate their guts. And there will be a great dividing, and it will be a dividing simply along lines of righteousness and heart. Do we go with these guys? Or do we stay with the lukewarm religion that we have? Charismatic, Pentecostal, just as bad as everybody else.

And the things that you've got to repent of, some of them are cultural things which you are so used to, you do not even see them, because the eye salve is not yet on your eyes. And when the prophets come, I'm talking the true prophets, when the true prophets come, they'll stick the eye salve on your eyes, and suddenly it will hurt. Suddenly you'll see your state, and man, it'll start to hurt, it'll start to sting.

And then they'll say, repent, repent. And everybody will go, right, we want that guy's head on a plate. We want that guy's head on a plate.

Lay down your dead works, and the worries of this life, and the pleasures passing by, will you return? Some days come again, with family and friends, and you play all the right parts, yet you're the deadest of men. You can know the creed, and just what to say. The theology, attend all the right days, but will you return to true love? Will you die to this world? Will you lay down your dead works, and the worries of this life, and the pleasures passing by? Will you return to true love? Will you die to this world? The lukewarm church, that true of us God, and my nation as well.

And here we are in America, just about in Christian city itself, and you want to do a new thing. God, I pray. God, I pray for humility.

I pray for humble people, that will get on their faces, and repent, and weep before you. I pray for a people, that will truly humble themselves, and absolutely cry, from the depths of their being, for revival in this nation. I pray for repentance preachers, who will cry aloud and spare not, who will speak the truth in love, but the truth appears in cry.

I pray it would be true of these next few years. Father God, we have but a small window, and it will close again. It will close again.

I pray by then we'll be seeing revival sweep America. Father, I pray that with all my heart. God, I pray your spirit on us.

God, I pray your spirit on us. With family and friends, you play all the right parts. Yet you're the deadest of men.

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Will you guide to true love? God, I pray your spirit on us. God, I pray your spirit on us. You've grown fat.

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