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[ 33 : 35 ] When you give in to things that displease God. It's apathy. As you stop resisting temptation. When you do not give cheerfully to God's work. When you no longer fellowship with the saints.

When you no longer are responsive to a need that you can handle. When you react to God's disciplines in a negative way. When you long for the approval of men instead of God's approval. And when you're complacent towards the sinful conditions around about. That's apathy. When you're unable to forgive others when they hurt you. And say awful things about you. It's apathy. When church attendance is a drudge instead of a delight. It's apathy. Why? Because you've left your first love. Woe to them that are at ease in sight. I urge you today. Brother, sister, stir yourself. Stir yourself up. Always keep eternity in view. That's what matters. Judgment is coming.

[ 34 : 32 ] And what does judgment mean? It means the terror of the Lord. The terror of the Lord. Some people are going to be terrified when Jesus comes.

A lot of the terrorists are going to get terrified. Amen. They're going to get terrified. What about you? Do you fear God? Do you fear God? Consider the time and make preparations for eternity. Now is the time to spend and be spent. Brothers and sisters, shake yourself. Stir yourself. Stir yourself. Don't neglect souls. Don't neglect your spiritual duty. Don't be overwhelmed by other things that take away your interest in spiritual things. Ask yourself. Where is the care for the lost? Where is the brokenness, the grief over our slothfulness, our sinfulness for our land?

[ 35 : 38 ] Many have forgotten God in Australia. They've forgotten God if they ever knew him. And as a people, as a nation, as Australians, we become wimpy, weak and worldly.

Worldlings. We avoid hardship. We avoid sacrifice. I've heard there's a new book out. It's called God Less America. God Less America. We could just as truly say God Less Australia. It's a godless land. It's not a Christian land. As a nation, we're given over to idolatry. And we see the excess, the waste, lives live without restraint. Consider our culture. Culture. When the media is replete with filth. What's the top of the news? Some man exposing himself is on the news. That's what the media considers newsworthy. It's filth. Garbage. Poured out into living rooms. Marriage is being trashed. Should be upheld and honoured and esteemed.

[ 36 : 41 ] They're redefining it to something that's vile and wicked. Sinful indulgence is everywhere. Brothers and sisters, we need revival. We need revival. I need revival.

I need revival. We don't need a new way to do church. We need to get back to the old ways. The old paths. May our prayer be, disturb us, O Lord. Disturb us, O Lord. Disturb us from our complacency. Our carelessness. We don't want to be a church dormant while this world is damned. There's much pressing need. And we've been in the comfort zone too long. Way, way, way too long. Let's make it personal now. I'm going to get even harder now. Amen? Are you a sleepy Christian today? I know I've been preaching long here today. I haven't noticed anyone's gone to sleep yet. It's very scriptural. You know, Eutychus fell out the window when he nodded off. When Paul was preaching.

[ 37 : 40 ] But seriously, sleepy Christians. What about you today? Where's the self-denial? The separation? The discipleship? Answer God honestly. As you know how.

Are you a sleepy Christian? It's truly time to seek the Lord. The devil will sing your lullabies. He'll swing your helmet. He'll rock your cradle.

He'll sing some sweet, restful songs to you. Are you at ease in Zion? Allow me to provoke you today. In a good way. Are you cold towards God and his word?

We need to be all out for the Master's sake. Stop giving me all your weak excuses. Sleepy Christian. The judgment of God is upon us.

And we need to get up. Just to recap quickly. Amos. Burdened is his name. And we should be burdened like Amos was. We should be burdened for our nation.

[ 38 : 41 ] We should be burdened for our church. We should be burdened for our souls. The burdened prophet says. Woe. Woe to sinful ease. Woe to spiritual neglect.

Woe to spiritual slumber. Woe to misplaced trust. Judgment must begin. At the house of God. And it's at our doors. We need God.

We need to be dependent on him. We need to flee to that sure refuge. We need to recognise idolatry in all its shapes and forms. We need to recognise carelessness. We need to learn from David.

Learn from Samson. Learn from Jonah. Sleep is dangerous. Wake up. Sleep is deadly as it was for Sisera. Sleep brings poverty.

Sleep brings inactivity. And we are a nation of sleep. Given over to idols. A church of sleep. In apathy. Heed the wake up call today.

[ 39 : 38 ] It's time to leave the comfort zone. Isaiah 64 7 it says. And there is none that calleth upon thy name. That stirreth up himself to take hold of thee.

Individually now. You. In your chair. In your skin. Are you going to be one of those who call on his name?

Are you going to be one of those who call on his name? Who stir up yourself to take hold of God? Take hold of God today. Stir yourself up and take hold of him this morning.

We've all been given a stewardship. A responsibility. We've all been given abilities that we are given to use. I urge you. Acknowledge the sin of carelessness.

Sleepy Christian awake. Rise up O man of God. Have done with lesser things. Don't be a sleepy Christian today. Turn to God. Die to self.

[ 40 : 41 ] Burn your idols. What is your idols? Ask God to show you what they are. And burn them. Burn your idols.

And give him the highest praise. The highest praise. Not some pathetic excuse. But the highest praise.

Let us pray. Let us pray.