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How do you feel when you look at our society? When you turn on the television and you see all the immorality? When you think, “You know? Our children aren’t even safe in the streets”? When you look at all that is going on do you just lean back and say, “Oh well.” Do you know what God would call you? He would say, “You are a complacent daughter. And you need to do something about what’s going on in your world.” (See Isaiah 32:9)

PART ONE

Complacent Daughters, Daughters Who Are At Ease, God has a word for women today, a very important word. A word that is going to call us to action; a word that if we listen to could help the status of the morals—the culture—in our country at this time. O Beloved, this is an important lesson and it all has to do with the theme of this week. And the theme of this week is taken from Isaiah chapter 30, verse 18, where [the Lord waits, he longs to be compassionate to His people. He desires to be gracious to His people. The

Lord on high wants to pour out His compassion]. (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 30:18) But He is a God of justice. Then it says, “**...blessed are all those [who wait] who long for Him.**” (Isaiah 30:18) God wants to wake up women. God wants women to long for Him because the minute that you wait for Him, the minute that you long for Him, then God is waiting for you and God is going to speak to you and God is going to show you the significance of your role as a woman. You say, “Well I’m a man, and so what has God got to say to me?” God, today, will say much to you about what is going to happen after the Spirit of God is poured forth on all flesh. But He also wants you to encourage the women in your life. It might be your wife, it might be your daughter, it might be your mother. It might be the women that you work with. He wants you to encourage them not to be complacent women. Not to just look at the society that surrounds them and moan and groan or to not even be concerned about it and say, “Okay, so the whole world’s falling apart, there’s nothing I can do about it, so I’m just going to [eat drink and be merry ‘cause tomorrow I’m going to die.] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 22:13) God doesn’t want that, Precious One. So let’s go to Isaiah 32. No as we go to Isaiah 32, you know that this is part of a segment of “woes” that God is giving to Judah and Jerusalem. If you don’t know that, then I would suggest that you go online to <preceptsforlife.com> and you can download our study guide. You can download it absolutely free and you can get to know God in an awesome and incredible way. You will learn what it means to “wait on God.” So that God can wait and be gracious to you. We left off in Isaiah chapter 32. And he’s talking about what is going to eventually happen. So what he’s talking about now as we look at Isaiah, he’s looking at the return of Jesus. And he’s telling how the eyes of the blind are finally going to see. He’s telling how their ears are finally going to hear—that they’re finally going to listen to God. (See Isaiah 32:3) Then he talks in verse 5, “**No longer will the fool be called noble...**” (Isaiah 32:5) You see you and I are living in a time when men that God calls fools—are looked at as noble. We

look at them and we say, “Oh, that’s a noble man.” And it’s not a noble man, it’s a man who is a fool, a woman who is a fool, because they don’t acknowledge God. And so he says, **“No longer will the fool be called noble...,”** when Jesus is here and when He’s ruling. **“...Or the rogue [will] be spoken of as generous.” (Isaiah 32:5)** I mean, this rogue that is living this terrible lifestyle and yet he gives away money and he does all these things, and he’s called “generous.” And yet where did he get the money from? And how did he get the money? You look at the Hugh Hefner, the whole Playboy thing, and you look at that man and he has been very generous to people, and he’s been generous to young women that have had problems, but they’re young women all of an immoral lifestyle. He has no morals, he has no values; he’s a rogue. And so God calls and He tells us here what’s going to happen to the rogue that has been spoken of as generous. **“For a fool speaks nonsense, and his heart inclines toward wickedness...:”** not towards God, **“...to practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD.” (Isaiah 32:6)** In other words, they sit there and they pontificate about their belief in God and the fact that God’s not going to judge and God made us sexual, and that’s the way we are, and we are simply to enjoy it because God made us that way. God made us sexual. God gave us rules for that. If you haven’t studied my book, “The Truth About Sex,” I would suggest that you get it, it’s everything that the Bible has to say on the subject. He goes on to say this: **“For a fool speaks nonsense...his heart inclines toward[s] wickedness: To practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD, to keep the hungry person unsatisfied...to withhold drink from the thirsty.” (Isaiah 32:6)** Now God, if you contrast that with the Sermon on the Mount, the Bible says (Jesus said): **“Blessed are [all] those who hunger and thirst [after] righteousness....” (Matthew 5:6)** But this person is going to keep them from righteousness. The Bible says, **“Ho! Every one [that] thirsts, come....” (Isaiah 55:1)** **“...[And drink] of the fountain of...water of life freely.” (Revelation 21:6, KJV)** It’s the end of

the book of Revelation, it's the words of Jesus, but these people want to keep you away from the fountain of living waters, which is Jesus Christ. It goes on to say, **"As for a rogue, his weapons are evil; he devises wicked schemes to destroy the afflicted with slander...."** In other words, somebody's down, and just beat them down more, **"...even though the needy...speaks what is right."** (Isaiah 32:7) Here is a needy person, they have spoken what is right, and yet he wants to bring them down. **"But the noble man devises noble plans; and by noble plans he stands."** (Isaiah 32:8) So what God is saying is, He's going to level the playing field. He's gonna get rid of the fool. He's going to rid of the rogue. He's going to get rid of those that are wicked, because in His kingdom He is going to judge sin because He is ruling. But then He turns and this is what He says, **"Rise up, you women who are at ease, and hear my voice...."** (Isaiah 32:9) So here's a woman and she is at ease, I mean, she's just drinking, and she's enjoying life and everything is wonderful, and she's sitting in a beautiful atmosphere. He says, **"Rise up [rise up] you women who are at ease...."** He says, **"...hear my voice...."** (Isaiah 32:9) Now remember, we're marking every reference to "hear." You can mark it any way you want, I simply draw a green ear. And He's saying, "I want you to listen to me. You're sitting there at ease." And I want you to **"...hear my voice; give ear to my word, you complacent daughters. Within a year and a few days you will be troubled, O complacent daughters...."** He says, **"...for the vintage is ended, and the fruit gathering will not come."** He says, "I want you to know something." **"Within a year and a few days...."** (Isaiah 32:9-10) things are gonna change drastically. They're gonna change drastically. You're not gonna have the harvest to eat because God is about to judge. Now you'll remember that this week, I gave you a little bit of the historical setting of these "woes." And I believe because of this verse (and I told you that we would get to it), because of this verse that it is about 701 B.C. Sennacherib is going to come down and he is going to lay siege to

Jerusalem. We're going to study it, we're going to study it from chapter 36 through chapter 39. And so he's saying, "Wake up, rise up, you daughter who's at ease. Pay attention, complacent daughter." Because, **"Within a year and a few days..."** this is what's going to happen, **"...You will be troubled, O complacent daughters; for the vintage is ended, and the fruit gathering will not come. Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you complacent daughters..."** (Isaiah 32:10-11) "Get up! Quit thinking that everything is just the way it's going to be! And you don't care about anything. I want you to get up! I want you to tremble! I want you to understand that judgment is coming and you need to do something about it." So He says, **"Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you complacent daughters; strip, undress and put sackcloth on your waist."** (Isaiah 32:11) In other words, if you're stripping and you're undressing and you're putting sackcloth around your waist, what you are saying is, "I am going into mourning. I am going into mourning because a holy God is going to judge sin, because He has waited and waited and waited, and they have not waited on the Lord. They have said, "No, we're not gonna walk Your way, we're going to flee, we're going to flee on horses," etc. The bulge in the wall, as we read about this week, is about to break. (See Isaiah 30:13) The wall is about to come down. God is about to move in His hand of judgment because of their sin. And so you and I need to pay attention. He says, **"Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, for the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; yea, for all the joyful houses and...the jubilant city. Because the palace has been abandoned, the populated city forsaken."** (Isaiah 32:12-14) And he is pointing to a time that is about to come. He is pointing to a time when eventually the palace in Jerusalem will be forsaken, it will be empty because of the Babylonian captivity. God has to judge and He's saying to these complacent women, "Wake up! Understand what's going on. Get up and

mourn and wail before Me.” God has a job for you and me as women to do. We’ll talk about it in just a minute.

PART TWO

O Beloved! How can you and I as women be complacent in this time, this age in which we are living? Everything is crumbling. The United States of America is going down, down, down. It doesn’t matter what any politician says to you, I’m telling you this: That God judges sin. I heard that Ruth Graham said years ago that, “If God doesn’t judge America, He’s going to have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.” Because that’s how far we have gone. We have lived in rebellion against God and God is going to have to judge us. Now what can stay the hand of God’s judgment? It is women who are complacent, it is women who are ease, rising up, beseeching God for mercy. Interceding on behalf of young people, and not only that, but also speaking to them and saying, “Wait a minute. This is not acceptable.” It’s mothers looking at their daughters and saying, “I’m sorry, honey, but you’re not going to go out in public hanging out. It may be the style, but it is not suitable for the child of God.” And you say, “Well my daughter’s not yet a child of God.” That’s all right. The daughter is under roof. The daughter is under rule. You say, “Well she’ll give me a hard way to go.” Well you’re the parent, you’re not the friend, and you need to hold the line. You and I need to be responsible women. And so He calls the women and He says to them that they are to be troubled, that they are to **“...strip, undress and put sackcloth on your waist.”** Isaiah 32, verse 12: **“Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine...,”** why? (Isaiah 32:11-12) Because they’re going to lay siege to the city, you’re not going to be able to get out of the city to get to the fields to get the fruit, because of the siege that the enemy is laying. **“For the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; yea, for all the joyful houses and for the jubilant city. Because the palace has been abandoned, the populated city forsaken.**

Hill and watch-tower have become caves forever, a delight for wild donkeys, [and] a pasture for flocks.” (Isaiah 32:13-14) Now when I think about that, think about Deborah in Judges chapter 5. And when you go back and you look at Judges chapter 5 (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua and then Judges). In Judges chapter 5 she tells what’s going on. She says, **“In the days of Shamgar...in the days of Jael, the highways were deserted...travelers went by roundabout ways. The peasantry ceased, they ceased in Israel....” (Judges 5:6-7)** They couldn’t go outside the city. Why? Because of the enemy. She says, **“Until I, Deborah, arose, a mother in Israel.” (Judges 5:7)** And then it goes on to tell how she came to the fore, and how God used her to quell the enemy. That’s what God wants. You say, “How long am I to do that?” You’re to intercede, you are to mourn, you are to grieve over sin, you are to wait on God until the Lord is gracious in His waiting on you to come to Him. He tells us in verse 15 of chapter 32: **“Until the Spirit is poured out [on] us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field is considered as a [fortress]. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness will abide in the fertile field.” (Isaiah 32:15-16)** You are to do it until things turn around. You are to do it until there is righteousness instead of sin. You are to do it until God pours out His Spirit. Well when you look (just at the Old Testament now), if you look at Ezekiel chapter 36, you read about this time when God says, in verse 27: **“I will put My spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful [to live] to observe My ordinances. You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; [and] you will be My people, and I will be your God...I will save you from...your uncleanness...I will call for grain and multiply it...I will not bring a famine on you.” (Ezekiel 36:27-29)** And He goes on. When God sends His Spirit then you and I can stop beating our breasts, stop mourning and wailing, because there will be righteousness, and because there will be plenty, because God will be moving

on our behalf. Now Joel chapter 2, in verse 28 and 29, talks about the pouring out of the Spirit. We know that that happened at Pentecost. And it happened for Jews at that time that had believed that Jesus was “Yeshua,” that He was God our Savior. (See Acts 2:1-4) But we know that there is yet a future day coming, and that future day is, when the Lord returns and He brings His people back to the land, and then He washes them, and then He returns, and then He puts His Spirit within them. And it says, **“And the work of righteousness....” (Isaiah 32:17)** Now “righteousness” is a word you want to mark. **“...Will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.” (Isaiah 32:17)** When you and I quit being complacent. When you and I wait for the Lord and then the Lord is able to wait on us and be gracious to us from on high and pour out His compassion, then, Precious One, **“...the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.” (Isaiah 32:17)** Remember what we saw in chapter 30, verse 15: **“For thus [says] the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel...‘In repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength.’”** And there He says **“...But you were not willing.” (Isaiah 30:15)** Surely after all this teaching you are willing. Surely you have heard God and you know that He is God and we are to listen to Him. It says, **“Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, and in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places.” (Isaiah 32:18)** There is a time coming when there will be no more stress, where there will be peace and there will be rest because we have waited on the Lord and the Lord, now, is ready to be gracious to us. It says, **“And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places; and it will hail when the forest comes down, and the city will be [laid utterly] low. How blessed will you be, [all] you who sow beside all waters, who let out freely the ox and the donkey.” (Isaiah 32:18-20)** There is going to be blessing. Why? Because you waited for the Lord. God tells us to wait for Him. Look at psalm 25 when the program is over and mark every reference

to “wait.” Look at Psalms 62, verses 1 and 2 and 6-8, and you will see that you are to wait for the One who is your Rock. He is a Rock which cannot be moved. The Assyrians had a rock. That was their god: a rock that could not stand. And this is what He says: **“His rock will pass away because of panic....” (Isaiah 31:9)** But know this: God will never pass away. He is “El Olam.” This is the One that you’re waiting for. This is the One that will be compassionate on you. So don’t be a complacent daughter. Get up and get about the Lord’s business.