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① The Challenge of ¹⁶Practical Moral
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Text:- Isaiah 62: 10.

● Scripture Reading:- Isa 62: 6-12

- Sub:- Shortly after the Great War of 1914-1918, a leading American sociologist was in Vienna. Here he met a Viennese friend. During their conversation the friend said to Mr. Ellwood "I believe thoroughly in only one thing, and that is the wickedness of men". Men in other parts of world shared his views. You would call him a pessimist:- A man who has lost his idealism. - But have not all of us at times felt as he did? Have we not also lost our idealism? We Christian people? So many professed Christians no longer evaluate all things by the standard of the Christian ideal - Christ's ideal - Our Christian idealism has been supplanted by the ideals of a humanistic religion and a materialistic science. These have

ridiculed the old standards and beliefs, the old motives, and ideals of life, of God, Christ of holiness, purity, sanctity, and today in many hearts of even professed Christian people the only motive left is self-interest and sole end of life - pleasure.

Tonight let us examine our standards - the standards of morality and religion - spirituality. God give us courage to face by look at our day.

The Moral Status -

1. ^{rough} Fifteen years ago a leading French journalist, M. Paul Gaullier declared - morality is dying, is dead, or nearly so, at least in the big cities. - if one takes into account the spectacles which the privileged classes afford. - The peculiarity of our age is that is corruption does not know it.

2. The first Gush War demoralized people and we never recovered - I call to witness the

H. G. Wells - the ship of fools is not going to sink - 5 years
Civilization is not going to sink - 5 years
at 50 years it is sinking - 5 years

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great Crime wave in America after the war - and the repeal of the 18th Amendment as evidence. - Keely Cure went out of business. - Had 106 patients in 1920 - In 1937 - 906.

I cite as evidence Crime wave of present day - In last 30 years Crime in America has increased 500%. Thirty years ago we had one prisoner for every 3000 population; now we have one prisoner for every 350 of our population.

The present crime wave in America - ^{on} ~~the~~ ^{and roads} Pullman car murder - Who responsible - booze - Crime in True State.

1 out of Immorality of Our Day. - 5 is ^{unmarried} Papark is that 100,000 couples ^{unmarried} in Washington D.C. living ^{unmarried} gamblers, together as man & wife.

Washington D.C. has highest per-capita liquor consumption of any city in U.S.A.

How moral is nation

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that uses 32,700,000 bushels
6,400,000 bushels
11,500,000 ree
5,400,000 gal of
molasses annually to produce
alcoholic beverages, when ^{many}
of its own people are hungry,
China, India, Greece, etc.
starving. Figures from Bureau of
Internal Revenue

We have immorality in lit-
erature and Art - ridicule
moral of god-men of past -
called - debunking.

Cause - Our cause is material-
istic science - superficial and
arrogant - proud - ridicule ^{our}
old beliefs - This science tells
us - Conscience is a super-
stition - honesty is a prejudice.

Humanistic religion - robbed
Christ of his deity - made
him a mere man - our
religion - result of human
effort, nothing to offer a
sinning world.

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II. The Religious States.

1. In Jerusalem a watchman -
The Church a watchman! Has
she been? Has she been
asleep?

2. I quote again from a
professor of social science.

"The churches seem powerless. They
dare no longer, for fear of frighten-
ing away their flocks, present
moral obligation in all its
rigor. The teachings of religion
are modified and bent to meet
the indifference to spiritual
values. Religion is no longer
presented as a straight and narrow
way; it has become a broad
path;" - we have forsaken the
old beliefs and become skeptics
in regard to everything which
is not readily reduced to
reason - or is understandable

3. Prof. Whitehead in "Science and
Modern World" - Says - "On the
whole, during many generations,
there has been a gradual decay
of religious influence in
European civilization. Each

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revival touches a lower peak than its predecessor, and each period of sickness a lower depth. Religion is tending to degenerate into a decent formula to embellish a comfortable life."

4. The American people worship things - Physical strength, personal beauty, intellectual power and financial success.

5. Our needs -

The early colonization of America had its roots in the spiritual revivals in England under Bunyan, Baxter. It was this revival in England that furnished background, vision & inspiration for the colonization of America.

Greene, historian says -
"They were driven from the Netherlands not by earthly want - no greed of gold - nor by lust of adventure, but by fear of God, & zeal for a

godly worship".

Revival gave America her birth; and similar revivals across years have given her position of power today.

1. Great Awakening under Johnathan Edwards in 1734
In 1739 Geo. Whitfield came to America to add his influence spread from Georgia to Maine. Princeton - Dartmouth.

2. Ben Franklin wrote of it from being thoughtless and indifferent to religion, it seemed as if all world was growing religious - so that one could not walk in Philadelphia in the evening without hearing psalms sung in different homes on every street.

We need such an awakening today. It can come only as it came then, thru gospel of Christ - which is power of God unto salvation. A Revival which will raise standard of God's truth and righteousness against

everything worldly + sinful.

We need to raise high the standard of a pure Church, a holy religion, the standard of a regenerate hearth, the standard of a Christ who is able to save unto the uttermost, and give to you and all men who believe on him, victory over sin and the world.

But if Church is asleep. -

there will not be a standard for the people - then they will perish - Church herself will perish.

