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A NATION AT RISK

In the 1980's I worked for an educational products company that helped families through reading materials. The U.S. National Commission on Excellence in Education put out a publication called "A Nation at Risk". In the report it said that the average SAT scores had dropped over 50 points in the verbal section and nearly 40 points in the mathematics section from 1963-1980. Nearly forty percent of 17-year-olds tested could not successfully draw inferences from written material, and only one fifth could write a persuasive essay. Only one third could solve a mathematics problem requiring several steps. These were shocking findings at the time, indicating that our country was decelerated in knowledge rather than accelerating, and could become a third world country. Today, many of these same former students are making long lasting decisions without the education to do such.

There have also been surveys taken among Evangelical Christians (those that supposedly know the Lord as their Savior). The findings indicate many do not believe that the Bible is true. Many even deny the deity of Jesus Christ (Jesus is God). Many think that the Bible is outdated and old fashioned. The standard has been changed from Biblical Christianity to humanism

Without a standard to go by there is only chaos. We have become an illiterate, unbelieving society in America. Many are looking for revival, but there can be no revival if there was never a fire. We need to have a baptism of fire in our country like never before. We need to raise up our young people to strive for excellence in academics and excellence in spiritual things.

Many "church goers" do not even know what their "denomination" believes, let alone have been a student of the Bible. Values are determined by what feels good at the moment. Yes, we are a nation at risk. While we have become lazy our enemies both spiritually and internationally are laughing at us.

Is God bringing us to our knees through judgment for our sin? Sadly, I believe so. But judgment comes for one purpose, to bring us to repentance. In January of 2020, the Lord gave me a word and it was that godly sorry must happen first. Then repentance, then mercy, then restoration. Without godly sorrow for the condition (sin) that we are in and repentance there will be no change. Will you join me in praying that godly sorrow will sweep across our nation and bring it to true repentance? Perhaps then we will no longer be a nation at risk.