



When Cities are Rebuked

(Rebuke, Repentance, and Judgment)

Matthew 11:20-24

Introduction: What is the _____ of our U.S. cities today?

I. The need for _____ - 11:20

20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:

What does the word "rebuke" mean?

- He (Jesus) began to rebuke the cities - The _____ living there.
- In which most of His mighty works were done - The _____ He had done among them.
- Because they did not repent - Unwilling to make necessary _____.

II. The call to _____ - 11:21-24

21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment

than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

A. The _____ - 11:21

The word “woe” means, warning of _____ that shall come upon you.

Jesus rebuked the cities of _____ (11:21), Bethsaida (11:21), and Capernaum (11:23) because He did mighty works in them and they refused to see them as being from God.

B. The _____ - 11:21

See Matthew 11:5 (List Jesus’ works)

C. The refusal to _____ - 11:21,23

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Don’t miss what Jesus says to these three cities. He says,

- The works done in Chorazin would have caused _____ to repent.

What do we know about Tyre?

- The works done in Bethsaida would have caused _____ to repent.

What do we know about Sidon?

- The works done in Capernaum would have caused _____ to remain to this day (another way to say they would have repented).

Underline "Capernaum" in your text. Are you aware that this city was the _____ base for the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ? In Matthew 9:1 we read, "*His own city.*"

What did Jesus do in Capernaum:

What is the price of _____ ?

Why was Capernaum exalted to heaven?

What do we know about the city of Sodom?

3 Elements of Repentance (List them)

III. The Coming Day of _____ - 11:22,24

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There is a coming day of judgment. In the future, there will be a judgment day for _____. Not just for people, but for entire cities. And no city will be exempt – not even Spirit Lake.

Woe is the city that rejects and refuses to _____ after seeing the mighty works of Jesus Christ.

Think about this – Spirit Lake, Idaho

Do our _____ cities need some rebuke? Most defiantly! Do our U.S. cities need to repent? Absolutely! Will there be a judgment day for cities? According to Jesus, there will be.

Conclusion: So, we have reached the moment in the chapter where I share our _____ truths. Here they are from this section of Matthew 11.

1. Be open to _____ , especially if it is biblical.
2. Now is the time to _____ (to change your mind and direction).
3. Cities need to respond to the mighty _____ of Jesus Christ (today it is changed lives).
4. Sackcloth and ashes were _____ of repentance.
What would be the signs of repentance today? A deep humility before God and man.
5. There is a coming day of _____ , so make sure you are right today.
6. Knowing and comprehending truth carries with it a greater _____
7. Don't reject the _____ you have been given to turn to Jesus Christ.