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### Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week which can be seen plainly by any who have been given eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand by the gracious hand of God. **"Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house."** (Ezekiel 12:2). This entire world is a rebellious house! Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, is punishing the people of it! Let's view some of this week's judgments from the proper perspective:

This week, Jennifer Crumbley was on trial in Michigan in relation to a 2021 shooting at Oxford High School. Her son murdered 4 of his classmates and has already been sentenced to life in prison without parole. She is being tried for involuntary manslaughter; her husband will be tried separately in March for the same charges. According to evidence from prosecutors, the Crumbleys ignored several signs of bad intent from their son and gave him access to a handgun for Christmas. Mrs. Crumbley has blamed, among others, the high school for not reacting more swiftly to similar troubling signs they were seeing.

Also this week, another group of parents sought to deflect responsibility for their children's actions. The U.S. Senate held a hearing Wednesday to question the executives of five social media companies and build support for various forms of federal legislation to protect children online. The hearing room was full of parents of kids who harmed themselves via social media. These parents hold these executives accountable for their children doing the following types of things: sharing nude photos of themselves and then being extorted; overdosing from pills obtained through social media; killing themselves after nude photos they shared became more public; and the like.

In both stories, you have parents abdicating their duty to actively and daily raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. **"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."** (Ephesians 6:1-4).

**"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."** (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

Parents have a duty to know what is happening with their children. **"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."** (Proverbs 31:26-28). **"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."** (Titus 2:4-5).

Americans are smart enough to know this is correct in the case of Crumbley and will likely convict her. They are fully deluded in the case of social media and would rather shift blame onto random businessmen, so the histrionic display in the Senate this week is very likely to succeed. Stop leaving your children to be raised by the world and teach them to fear God.