

I Thess. 5: 6

cf. Rom. 13: 11
6. Eph. 5: 14

SUBJECT: "Awake!"

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Introduction

What sad things depravity has done: things in nature which are pictures of divine plentitude & blessing are now representations of sin.

of the waters - across the plain, thru the valley, fertile deposit of soil in which farmers sow as seed, many commence work on its banks, but sin appropriates the figure. The judgment of God: sin like the greedy fruit of waters.

of fire - one of God's most precious gifts, gladdens our hearts in winter picture of divine influence of His Spirit, & the holy zeal of His; but sin touches it, because the fire of truth is not dead.

of sleep - one of God's sweetest gifts; the very figure of the blood, "they that sleep in Jesus." David (Ps 127:2) prays "among the rest give us sleep." So he just as before sleep. But sin - also - has appropriated the metaphor also. Sleep has a snipful condition.

The last, undervalued would picture as asleep - "as those as" the danger of the V: - that he may fall into the hands of the last, the base, ignoble herd who are not alive to the death of the last - we this sleep is which the X: may fall is not the death of the last - we were dead now in trespasses & in sin but now are resurrected & shall now be, guided into wisdom of: but - sleep so ready alive to death that slumbering X: look at if they were dead, cannot sinners.

I. The Great Danger.

(a) John Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress.
The road that leads from the city, directing to the City of God - a path in its more dangerous than any other. Not abroad with liars, no dragons in it - but dark woods, no deep ditches, & a more pilgrim destroyed than any other. Not even doubt of death with all its death agonies may stain. called "The Enchanted Slumber".

Lying down to slumber like Headless as you. And in the Arbor of Sleep the Church at ease in Zion: Dead softly, she is fast asleep.
Not when the Coliseum is filled with the roar of hungry creatures the true square of Smithfield is filled with stables. The King of the South
Patience is weary to remain the lonely and spiced garden of Gilead
Never read that X: slept when lions in the way
in Saint Despard's, death
when going through the River of Death
But after the weary road to pretty little arbor, wind in, not down,
rested himself, hunting for a snake, rubbed away just ... asleep.

II. Why Paul Appeals To Wake Up.

1. 5:5, 6. It is daytime. Opportunity - time. Work-time.
of. Dollars at 7-8-9 o'clock in the a.m. The struggle, backward...
But if silent, still... unendingly, unceasingly
So far a chance to be asleep, slumber...

Incessant. Sleep sealed their senses. Oblivious.
Watchman calls from the tower - he asleep.
Revolution raging in the streets below - he asleep.
Fire, flood of changing fortunes - he asleep.
Opportunities - past.

Inertive.

Farmers not plough his field
Pilot - guide his ship
Merchandise - run his business

} asleep.
Spiders of night
brutely webbed over the
houses.

Children unsought, unsought, unsought
Have everything, except the will, sent to work.

Subject to illusions.

What queer things, he that sleeps is subject to.
Fears and fears - dreams....
Distortions... personal grandeur...

2. It is wanting. 5:8

of the enemy at the gates - the captain with his orders, disparting
helps him, asleep at the table. Soldiers slumbering, making
over their baggage. Airman, asleep in their briefing room. Not
a man sleeping united - not a soldier awake.

Another David Harkins.
Another Titanic. the great 503. the wisest general? 7 the 53
"California" asleep.

What is the matter? Has some great wizard been
waving his wand, just a spell...? Help, take the
trumpet, blow a blast - a call to arms...

The sleeper - anything take him away.

(a) Mighty Sisera - man of war - because had never riding
own greatest foe. asleep in tent of Jael - softly nail and
hammer. Judges 4:21

(a) Mighty Samson asleep, show of his body, as the
Philistines upon him. Judges 16:19

(a) Sleeping Saul, surrounded by armor, captives of the dead, as his
army. Abimelech, say the spear stuck in the ground at his helmet:
"Let me smite him with this one - I will not smite him
the second time."

The black winged angel, in - "but once - not a second time"

3. It is death-time. (Why the passage 4:13 "as they are here")

(a) The Black Plague - wagons down the street. ringing of a bell -
"Bring out your dead - lay out your dead." Reminding of the wheel
of the cart - the dreadful cry.

The only difference - more concentrated than. Time brought swiftly
- the cart, the wagon - now the funeral car
- Horse market with white cross - now a wreck.

5. It is storm-time, judgment time. 5:3, 9

of a howling storm, breaks ahead, on the rocks
directly. where the captain? sailors! 201 passengers
aboard.

of a poor wretch condemned to be hanged by not filling out
a pardon for him - under the pillow of a sleeping friend.

of a physician, cure for cancer.

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THE ENCHANTED GROUND

1 The great spiritual geographer, John Bunyan,
will picture it:

"I then saw in my dream
that they went on till they
came into a certain country,
whose air naturally tended
to make one drowsy, if
he came a stranger to it.

And here Hopeful began
to be very dull, and
heavy of sleep; wherefore
he said unto Christian, I do
now begin to grow so
drowsy that I can scarcely
hold up mine eyes; let
us lie down here and take

one nap.

Christian: By no means,
said the other, lest sleeping,
we never wake more.

Hopeful: Why, my brother?
Sleep is sweet to the laboring
man; we may be refreshed
if we take a nap.

Christian: Do you not
remember that one of the
shepherds bid us beware of
the Enchanted Ground? He
meant by that, that we
should beware of sleeping,
wherefore, 'let us not sleep
as others do, but let us
watch and be sober.'

2 Bunyan's description of the arbor;

Then they came to an arbor,
warm, and promising much
refreshing to the weary pilgrims;
for it was finely wrought above
head, beautified with greens
and furnished with benches and
seats. It had also in it a
soft couch, where the weary
might lean.

The arbor was called the
Slothful's Friend, and was
made on purpose to allure,
if it might be, some of the
pilgrims to take up their
rest there when weary."

"For this enchanted ground is
one of the last refuges that the
enemy to pilgrims has; therefore
it is, as you see, placed almost
at the end of the way, and so
it stands against us with
the more advantage. For when,
thinking the enemy, will these folk
be so desirous to sit down
as when they are weary?
and when so like to be weary
as when almost at their
journey's end? Therefore it is,
I say, that the enchanted ground
is placed so nigh to the land
of Benlech, and so near the end of
their race. Therefore let pilgrims
look to themselves, lest it
happen to them as it has done
to those that, as you see, are
fallen asleep, and now lay
awake them!"

1. Keys X: ^{divide, compare.} ^{isolate, rest of, about, identify} ^{to them}. Let it
 talk together, we shall not sleep;
 joyful and: 'Butly, when shall we begin?'
 joyful and: 'We will begin when you
 begin with us.'
 X: only isolate themselves, sit a down
 more they shall in next part. Talk both

1. Sleep in a state of irresponsibility.
 watchman looks from the tower. He sleeps on
 Fire says in next his home through his
 window - He sleeps on
 summer side - dies in his house. He sleeps in
 revolution saying the street & as if -
 he address
 Volcano saying - saying slowly. Then say
 say near by. Light flash - ideal man
 say - he can't sit - impossible to sleep.

2) Sunday last, but in next house in that.
 "I do not care -
 what things awaiting my arrival to say -
 would that in under elements to rise, say,
 not possible.
 The deal to sleep / death
 no burden - no say of the kind - no way
 to play - no intensity and light - no meaning.
 like a fountain - respectfully - etc.

3. Sleep is a state of inactivity
Hands hang down, pulse weak, left hand is,
but clear to acting.

One - visited you in I.S. - now you go.
- - - prays with ^{you} friend? or how can you
when the minutes of friend? or how can you
read words, talk essays. But is that prayer?
cannot say this words in my subject.
the breath of their bodies, ⁱⁿ manner, that comes
the debt of this year's ^{white} - ^{Woolly}?
the church members.
the subject a century by with the ^{vestibled} ^{fact}
People around ^{pract} - ^{deaths} ^{dull} ^o ^{may}.