

Lesson 42 Answers and Comments

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| Wisdom | Spirit |
| Revelation | Spirit |
| Eyes | flesh |
| Understanding | good |
| Enlightened | quicken |
| Know | mortal |
| Light | bodies |
| Gospel | dwell |
| Window | |
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| Window | |
| Attendance | |
| Reading | |
| Exhortation | |
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Another believer who was a “sleeper” is found in Jonah 1:5. We remember the account of God sending Jonah to Ninevah to preach impending judgment by God because of their wickedness. Jonah, knowing the mercy of God, knew that these Ninevites could repent and God would spare them. This did not appeal to Jonah so he fled from the presence of the Lord and got on a ship headed to Tarhish. A mighty tempest arose and Jonah is fast asleep in the bottom of the boat. Jonah’s flesh had successfully turned him away from the Lord to the point where even in the midst of a tempestuous storm he slept like a rock! No concern for the Ninevites, no thought of his departure and disobedience to the Lord. Sound asleep!

Dear friends, “put off the old man,” the flesh that wants to lull us asleep spiritually. Paul sadly says in II Tim. 1:15 “...all they which are in Asia be turned away from me...” They had become spiritually dysfunctional, distracted, fallen asleep spiritually. Let’s not let this happen to us.

Lesson 43 Eutychus is Sleeping

Acts 20:9 “And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep...”

Eutychus had not merely nodded off but had rather sunk into a deep sleep. He had fallen into that deep stage of sleep where, like Jonah, even a raging sea could not have woken him. The more we allow our flesh to distract us from the Lord the sooner we become moved very far from any desire for Him.

II Tim. 4:3 speaks of those who will not “_____”
_____...” No appetite for the truth of God’s word.

Acts 20:9 “...and as Paul was long preaching...”

I have heard people blame Paul for Eutychus’ sleeping. He preached beyond the endurance of normal people to stay awake some have charged. “What do you expect when the preacher is long winded?” Rubbish! If we, like Paul, have the same hearts desire as Paul expresses in Phil. 3:10 we will hang on every word that teaches us more of our Saviour.

Phil. 3:10 “That I may _____ him, and the _____ of his _____, and the fellowship of his _____, being made conformable unto his death;”

Phil. 1:21 “For to _____ to _____ is _____, and to _____ is _____.”

I Cor. 2:2 “For I have determined not to know anything among you, save _____, and him crucified.”

Phil. 3:8 “Yea doubtless, and I _____ all things but _____ for the _____ of the _____ of _____ my _____: for whom I have _____ the _____ of _____ things, and do count them but _____, that I may _____.”

When we are consumed with the Lord Jesus Christ, listening to His word is pure delight. I think of David’s expression in Ps. 63:1 “O God, thou art _____ God; early will I

_____ thee: my soul _____ for thee, my flesh _____ for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;”

Ps. 42:1, 2 “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so _____ my soul after thee, O God. Vs. 2 My soul _____ for _____, for the living God...”

Paul and David had an insatiable thirst and desire to know the Lord more and more.

Acts 20:9 “...he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.”

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Eutychus, perched in the window, sound asleep, topples down from the third loft and dies. Unaware of his looming doom, Eutychus peacefully, securely, snoozes. How tragic to see the ruins of the lives of those who started out spiritually strong only to fizzle and fade. A believer’s salvation is never in jeopardy, but our effectiveness, witness and Christian life can lay in shambles in terms of usefulness for the Lord.

Rom. 8:6 “For to be _____ minded is _____; but to be _____ minded is _____ and _____.” Vs. 8 So then they that are in the _____ cannot _____ God. Vs. 13 For if ye live after the _____, ye shall _____...”

There is most certainly a death to our “Christian walk and service” that occurs when our flesh is in control.

Gal. 6:8 “For he that _____ to his _____ shall of the flesh reap _____...”

When had Eutychus fallen asleep? During Paul’s _____. Yes, while Paul was preaching he went to sleep. Paul says in Eph. 3:2 “_____ ye have _____ of the _____ of the _____ of God...” How many believers would be baffled by this statement? How many believers could articulate just what the “dispensation of the grace of God” is? It was Paul’s charge in Eph. 3:9 “And to make _____ men _____ what is the fellowship of the _____...” But just like Eutychus, the church for the most part has fallen asleep when it comes to this crucial understanding. Whether a believer has let his flesh bring death to his spiritual life by indulging in the behaviors of Eph. 5:3-6 or by failing to heed Paul’s charge of making them see the fellowship of the mystery the result is the same.

A believer who is ignorant of or rebellious to Paul’s authority and Paul’s preaching is dysfunctional and ineffective in Christian service.

Gal. 5:4 “Christ is become of _____ unto you, whosoever of you are _____ by the _____; ye are _____ from _____.”

Still saved, but ineffective. If a believer seeks justification before God by “his or her performance” they have “fallen from grace”. By adding any ceremonial rites or conditions on your acceptance before God, you deny your total completeness in Christ.

Col. 2:10 “And ye are _____.”

I Cor. 1:30, 31 “But of him are ye in _____, who of God is made unto us _____, and _____, and _____, and _____: That, according as it is written, He that _____, let him _____ in the Lord.”

Christ is all that we needed for salvation and all that we need for living the Christian life.

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Gal. 2:20 “I am _____ with _____ nevertheless I _____; yet not I, but _____ in me: and the _____ which I now live in the _____ I live by the faith of the _____ of _____, who _____ me, and _____ himself for me.”

Christ is everything! Don't allow the sins of the flesh or unsound doctrine lull you to sleep bringing death to your service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week we will finally see how to wake up the way Eutychus did!