**Adult Sunday School**

June 5, 2011

**The Diligent Search**

Psalm 77:6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ( Mat.13, Mk.4 Lu 8:11)

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Lk.19:11; Mat. 25:14; Mk.13:31-37

Luke 12:58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

Romans 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

2Co 8:7 ¶ Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

Heb 6:11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Jude 1:3 ¶ Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Song 5:2 ¶ I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

In a state of trying to get comfortable, satisfied and trying to fall asleep, thinking that nothing more can be done at this time. The church has fallen asleep a long time ago.

1. The Bride’s Attitude
2. She says “I sleep”
3. This is an improper attitude

To sleep spiritually and feel comfortable you are in trouble.

Is this the harvest time? Is this just before the time to meet with the Bridegroom? Is this the closing days of time before the tribulation hour?

* 1. No preparation for His Coming,
     1. To meet with the Lord.
     2. Spend time with the Lord
     3. yielding fruit to perfection

Luke 8:14—*And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection*

Hebrews 13:21*—Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

James 5:7*—Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

* 1. Made preparation to go to sleep.

Song 5:3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

* + 1. Put off Her coat

Romans 13:14—*But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Galations 3:27—*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

5:16—*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

Romans 8:4—*That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

2Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:6; 1Cor.7:19*;* Jn 14:21*-*23; 1John 2:3*,* 3:24

Gal. 6:15; Col. 3:10; Ephesians 4:23,24

* + 1. Washed her feet

1. This is a indifferent attitude

Song 5:3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

* 1. No guard or watching like you should--how shall I put it on?

Mat. 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

* 1. No effort--how shall I defile them?

Php 2:12—*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

1. This is a insufficient attitude-
   1. “I Sleep but my heart waketh”

Satisfied in the flesh about themselves, but not satisfied in the spirit

Sacrificing the best for that which seems to be good.

1. Half-hearted--- a divided heart

My Spirit wants God but my flesh likes to sleep

1. Compromising-wanting God on your terms
2. Apathy (without deep feeling) relaxed

A Lack of feeling She wants Him but not like she should, How much do you really want Him?

* She kept Him there for awhile
  + Knocking

“it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night”

* + His voice calling and dealing

Gen. 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

* We need to wake up and follow after Him.
  + Seek Him to Serve Him
    - Decide to seek Him -Make up your mind
    - Determine to seek Him Start and don’t slow down
    - Diligently seek Him-Seek To be like Him

Deut. 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. (1Ch 28:9,19)

2Ch 15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.