

"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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Built His House Upon A Rock - Part XII (Matthew 7:24)

A study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7.



Continuing our study in learning what it means to be "a wise man, which built his house

upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24), we continue from last month.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

If Christians think that they cannot be lost because they said the magic words of "I believe" think again. If you cannot forgive, you will not be forgiven. That means, "therefore your sin remaineth" (John 9:41). And if your sins remain, then "ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24) because you are not part of heaven with that attitude but rather, "ye are from beneath"; "ye are of this world" (John 8:23).

Remember the two debtors parable beginning in Matthew 18:23. The first debtor, who was forgiven tremendously, did not forgive his debtor, who was in debt for just a few dollars. "Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts

forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:32-35).

There is no way out of this. Evidently the person had a relationship with Jesus. He was forgiven at one point according to the parable. But because he did not forgive his fellow brother, all of his debt or sins were placed back on him and delivered to the only other place available to go if it is not heaven – hell. Sins cannot be forgiven unless you are a Christian. But if you do not forgive others, even if you confessed your own sins, "all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die" (Ezekiel 18:24).

Matthew 6:16-18 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Evidently God really has a problem with "church" Christians because Jesus mentioned something like this at the beginning of the chapter – twice. A "church" Christian is only a Christian in church. They brag, they show off, they dress their best, they may even donate lots of money to the church. But outside of church time, they are no better than an unrepentant sinner.

So God is looking for Christians in

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Do You Have A TSTL For That???

If someone asked you "why do you believe that or why do you do that" could you give them an answer from the Bible — a TSTL?

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

UPDATES & STATS TO WWW.TSTL.NET

The latest updates include:

- ▶ The new Bible Study that has been released is called **The Dragon with Lamb Like Horns**—see ad on page 4

Since March 2005...

- ▶ The main page has been seen by over 47,000 visitors; up over 2,000 since July 15, 2006.
- ▶ Over 39,000 content searches; **up 11,000** since July 15, 2006!!! A content search is someone typing keywords in our search field, which looks up articles containing those key words.
- ▶ During the last four months, an independent resource states that we had over **three million** visitors to at least one of our web pages.

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practice during the other hours of the week and during “church” time. Unfortunately there are more “church” Christians than real Christians. Survey your community and you will find more people stay away from church because of all the hypocrites, including the many pastors who try to speak popularly, than for any other reason.

Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

We all know what it means to make treasures upon the earth. Put your money in a bank, invest in objects, and eventually you will find out that age takes its toll. Invest in automobiles and rust will cause the investment to vanish. Robbers break into homes.

Now we know such criminal activity does not take place in heaven. But we are not there yet. So how can we store up goods in heaven?

Luke 6:35 *But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and [to] the evil.*

Matthew 16:27 *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.*

Basically as you invest in the cause of God here, you shall not lose anything, but gain more in heaven than you had before.

You may lose your home here in serving God, but the mansion there is greater in all aspects.

Matthew 6:22-23 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be

darkness, how great [is] that darkness!

A pair of eyes is the greatest of the senses. *“We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord”* (2 Corinthians 3:18). The opposite is true. By watching evil we are affected towards evil. So the most important thing you can do for your senses is to eliminate as much as you can of those things that tend to draw towards evil.

What is the single focus of anyone’s eyes supposed to be? *“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God”* (2 Peter 3:12). It is the preparation for the second coming. Are you ready to meet Jesus. Are you helping others to be ready?

“What manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness” (2 Peter 3:11)? The godliness is preparation for the day when the Lord burns up the elements of the earth upon His return. *“wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”* (2 Peter 3:12).

To be continued...

We will continue our verse-by-verse study next month, but for now, may we lay up treasures in heaven and not focus on the treasures of earth.

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TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT (Prov. 22:6)



Chapter 2, Selective about those he trusts...

Daniel 2:26-28 *The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name [was]*

Beltshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise [men], the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.

Sometimes it is needful to point out to a child that the friends that they have selected are really not good friends. Just as Daniel pointed out to the king that he trusted those who had failed him, a parent

should and must discern the character of their child's friends.

It may then be necessary to explain why their friends should not be trusted. This may include not allowing their friends into the home because of theft. This may include pointing out how grades in school have dropped since the child has had these friends. You may even have to reinstate your homes values and explain that the friends your child has chosen are not encouraging such.

Do not be fooled, parents are to make sure the child has the correct friends. For the Bible teaches in 2 Corinthians 3:18, by beholding we are changed into the same image. You become like those you spend your time with.

Choose friends wisely!

THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH (3 John 1:2)



How Drugs affect Vegetarians: The way the body handles drugs and other foreign chemicals is influenced by what one eats. In the

liver some metabolic transformations occur at a slower rate in vegetarians. A study revealed that vegetarians metabolize certain drugs more slowly than do non-vegetarians. For this reason, vegetarians should warn their physicians and anesthesiologists that they will not need as much of a drug or anesthesia as is generally needed for others. Many vegetarians report that they are drugged for days longer than others after routine anesthetic experiences.

HOMEMADE KETCHUP

- 18 oz. can Tomato paste
- 18 oz. Water
- 3 T Lemon juice
- 3 T Oil
- 4 1/2 t Honey
- 3/4 t Salt
- 2 1/4 t Onion powder
- 3/4 t Basil
- 3/4 t Dill seed
- 3/4 t Garlic Powder

Combine and blend until well mixed.

TIP: Place in small containers and freeze. Great for when you need a small amount of tomato sauce in a recipe.

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-  What does the dragon with lamb-like horns represent?
-  What does it do?
-  How does it affect us?
-  When does it appear?
-  What does the woman, moon, sun, and stars all mean?
-  What is the greatest terrorist attack that only you can prepare for?
-  How does the earth help anyone?

These and many more questions are answered in the newest online Bible Study at www.tstl.net and clicking on **Study Tools** and then **Online Studies**.

These studies are also in printed form and available upon request.

All studies must be performed in sequence as the Bible is a building block of information.

DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.

A Contrast Between Destinations:

1. What are we called to do in the last days and even every day (first two words spoken by the first angel)? **Revelation 14:7**
2. If we obey, what would we depart from? **Proverbs 14:27**
3. What is associated with a word found in the answer to question #2? **Exodus 23:33**
4. What is the result of continuing to do the answer for Question #3? **Romans 6:23**
5. What is the opposite of the word found in question #4? **Romans 6:23**
6. Where do we find it? **Romans 5:21**



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Christ the Minister of Sin?

1. What does Paul answer to the question, "Is Christ the Minister of Sin"? **Galatians 2:17** *"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, [is] therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid."*
2. What is sin? **1 John 3:4** *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."*
3. What does Jesus take from us? **1 John 3:5** *"And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."*
4. If that is truly taken away, what are we to be towards it? **Romans 6:1-2** *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"*
5. What are we to be servants of? **Romans 6:18** *"Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."*
6. If we practice what Jesus has taken away, what are we no longer? **Romans 6:20** *"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness."*
7. If we are no longer considered what Jesus has given us, what will we lose? **Psalms 37:29** *"The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever."*

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1) - COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between July 16 and August 15. [Preview future news snippets at www.tstl.net/news.]

► **Telegraph, August 7, 2006 - Religion off the agenda in 'church of laughter'**

The Rev Ian Gregory, a cleric well known to readers of The Daily Telegraph for launching the Campaign for Courtesy in an attempt to improve manners, has embarked on a new project which he calls "Christianity without religion".

TSTL: 2 Timothy 4:2-5 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

► **YNET News, August 6, 2006 - Reuters admits altering Beirut photo**

Reuters withdraws photograph of Beirut after Air Force attack after US blogs, photographers point out 'blatant evidence of manipulation.' Reuters' head of PR says in response, 'Reuters has suspended photographer until investigations are completed into changes made to photograph.' Photographer who sent altered image is same Reuters photographer behind many of images from Qana, which have also been subject of suspicions for being staged

TSTL: Exodus 20:16 *"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."* Yet another example of how the media lies to the public. We

bring this to your attention because the media is not only lying about this and is not only lying about Dan Rather's investigation of George Bush, but has been controlling the public's opinion on many issues for a long time. It is time to seek other media outlets.

► **Times Online, July 31, 2006 - Schools told it's no longer necessary to teach right from wrong**

SCHOOLS would no longer be required to teach children the difference between right and wrong under plans to revise the core aims of the National Curriculum.

TSTL: Hosea 4:1-2 *"Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because [there is] no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood."* Although it is only a draft, what these people are thinking to even submit as a draft is irresponsible. The result will be problems with the students later in life. They will not be able to make correct moral decisions.

► **AOL News, July 28, 2006 - Man Finds 188-Year-Old Bible in Garbage**

Electrician Michael Hoskins is not averse to browsing when he drops off trash at the Route 41 dump bin, and a recent visit rewarded his curiosity. Hoskins said he discovered a 188-year-old King James Bible. Now he's fending off offers approaching \$1,000 for the find.

TSTL: Matthew 13:44 *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth*

all that he hath, and buyeth that field." Evidently he did not have to sell anything to get it but he definitely has a rich treasure.

► **YNet News, Jul 27, 2006 - Syrian reporter: In Syria there is atmosphere of eve of war**

"The atmosphere in Syria is in every way an atmosphere of war, or at least of the eve of war. Syrian television for the first time since the '80's has started broadcasting Syrian military marches and nationalistic songs. There is no difference between Syrian television broadcasts and Al-Manar broadcasts of the Hizbullah. The broadcasts are in preparation for war, as if Syria is involved in this war, or is going to be involved at any moment. The local newspapers and the television are conducting themselves as if they are preparing the Syrian public for war."

TSTL: Matthew 24:6 *"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet."*

► **WorldNetDaily, July 23, 2006 - American woman: I descended from Jesus Christ**

A California woman publishing a novel similar to "The Da Vinci Code" claims she is a direct descendant of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Despite the fact the Bible gives no hint that Jesus was ever married or had children, there have been numerous claims over the years that he did have children with Mary Magdalene, another New Testament figure. She says the book's title refers to an ancient prophecy about a woman chosen by divine providence to bring the real story of Mary Magdalene's life to the world. But she won't say whether or not she considers herself "The Expected One."

TSTL: Matthew 24:5 *"For many shall*

NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are "sudden destruction" news items that appeared

between June 16 and July 15, 2006.

[Preview future "sudden destruction" news snippets at www.tstl.net/suddendestruction.]

► My Way, August 10, 2006 - British: Thwarted Plot Involved 10 Jets

LONDON (AP) - British authorities said Thursday they thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage, averting what police described as "mass murder on an unimaginable scale." Police arrested 24 people, saying they were confident they captured the main suspects in what U.S. officials said was a plot in its final phases that had all the earmarks of an al-Qaida operation.

TSTL: Matthew 24:6 "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Well, she's not claiming to be Jesus Christ but she is coming in His name -- a descendent. Do not listen to her for she will deceive.

► Standard Times, July 22, 2006 - Boy saves drowning grandfather

5-year-old C.J. didn't think twice about taking off the foam bubble and diving to the bottom of his family pool to save his drowning grandpa.

TSTL: John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

► Newzealand Herald, July 20, 2006 - Policewoman who worked as prostitute 'censured'

A policewoman who worked as a prostitute to ease financial difficulties has been censured, Deputy Commissioner Lyn Provost said today.

TSTL: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). How can she do a good job arresting prostitutes when she is one? But how can anyone do a good job at witnessing, rightly representing Christ to the world, when they are practicing sin -- even in the slightest?

► Reuters, July 20, 2006 - Temporary marriages gaining ground in Saudi Arabia

Khaled never thought a form of temporary marriage (Misyar), described by some in Saudi Arabia as legal prostitution, would open the door to his happily-ever-after. Misyar is allowed under Sunni Islam and it is legal in Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Islam. "Misyar reduces marriage to sexual intercourse," said Hatoun al-Fassi, a female Saudi historian.

TSTL: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier [matters] of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matthew 23:23). It is actions like this that bring strict religious beliefs into the

legalistic light. Anyone mention actually keeping the Ten Commandments in both letter and spirit is usually looked upon as a legalist. In reality, we are commanded by Jesus Himself to keep the commandments (John 14:15). James reminds us that breaking one commandment is a violation of all ten (James 2:10-12). Keeping a strict religion does not make it legalistic. What makes it legalistic is the development of loopholes. That makes the strict part of the religion a mere form and not a relationship. A true relationship loves first, and then obeys out of love. Disobedience, breaking the commandments, is reducing the relationship to mere mouthing "I love you" while doing whatever you please. Good parents do not accept that from their children, why do many Christians think God accepts that from His children?

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When the salary was lost the ministry struggled on it's own, and when the dollar stores and free outlets moved in the thrift store closed.

Now our personal income barely meets our needs, and so the Lord is depending on you to support this ministry just as He depended upon his friends when he had no place to even lay his head. This ministry is financially where Jesus' ministry was, depending upon you, His friends.

This ministry can no longer survive without the financial support of it's readers—Thank you!

ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)



QUESTION #1 – Is there a significance to Genesis 1:14 regarding time keeping?

ANSWER #1 – Genesis 1:14 *“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.”*

This is how God keeps track of time. For convenience sake, seeing that sunset times change, which means the beginning of the next day changes constantly, man has invented a different system of consistent time. It is a mid-night to mid-night schedule.

The significance only matters in regards to our activity towards God. Until the 1970's, Sunday was considered a holy day of the week. Some even referred to it as the Christian Sabbath. Limited work was permitted. Then stores began Sunday hours. Then they moved to regular hours. And now we can shop twenty-four hours and seven days a week at some places.

We pause and ask, if that practice prior to the 1970's was good enough for nearly two millennium to keep a whole day holy and now people simply go to church, who do you think changed? God or man? And does that make church attendance a legalistic thing now? Think about it. Church was something you did on a holy day. Now church appears to be an obligation fit inside our busy schedule. Does God deserve more than this?

Keep in mind that keeping a whole day holy started in the Garden of Eden and that day continued up until 327 A.D. when “the church” accepted Constantine's edict from 321 A.D. of Sunday observance being mandatory.

So back to the direct answer. For those that kept Sunday from mid-night to mid-night as holy, they may have been sincere, but they were not following God's plan. His plan was to have all keep His day from sundown to sundown. And there are sincere Christians that do that. They cease working Saturday when the night comes and do not start again until Sunday when the night comes again.

Of course there are others that go one step further and even keep the very day specified in the Ten Commandment – the seventh day, which the Lord was and is Lord of.

“I [am] the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6).

QUESTION #2– In Daniel 9:27, there is a period of one week. Where does seven years

come from one week?

ANSWER #2– This verse is something just about every Christian denomination agrees upon regarding time. This is a symbolic prophecy, and in symbolic prophecy time is not literal. God says a week, which is seven days, and then allows the literate Bible student to make the appropriate substitution. God's substitution is found in Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. It states, *“each day for a year”*. So that makes the verse actually read as a week of years or simply seven years.

Reading from verse 24 you find that there is a seventy-week prophecy. The Messiah was to arrive inside that time frame – specifically sixty-nine weeks after the temple is rebuilt. It started in 457 B.C. A literal interpretation is nowhere near when Jesus arrived. But using the day for a year principle, we end up in the year 27 AD, which is exactly when Jesus was baptized (457 BC + 483 years, which is 69 weeks represented as years).

Now where Christianity differs is that one group is awaiting another temple to be built and soon after is the seven-year tribulation. Right before the tribulation they say is the rapture of Christians. The Antichrist makes a covenant with Israel at the start of the seven-year period, which is broken after 3½ years. Jesus and the Christians return following the next 3½ years.

Others believe that the verse refers to Jesus Christ who died keeping the covenant promise right on time after 3½ years in the ministry. The remaining 3½ years refers to the ministry of the apostles in Jerusalem until Stephen was stoned scattering the Christians into Gentile areas.

Here is something to consider. *“From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.”* In other words, the rebuilding of the temple begins the counting of the sixty-nine weeks of years to the arrival of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. It happened. The seventieth week has nothing to do with a starting point. Rebuilding the temple yet again is nowhere mentioned in the verse regarding the seventieth week. Rebuilding the temple is only to count the sixty-nine weeks. Therefore it would make logical sense that the seventieth week be followed by the sixty-ninth one and is completed.

Think On These Things

Who is reigning?

Romans 5:21 *That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Does sin reign or does Christ?

Does revenge reign or Christ?

Does foul language reign or Christ?

Does smoking reign or Christ?

Does alcohol reign or Christ?

Does anger reign or Christ?

Does lust reign or Christ?

Does coveting reign or Christ?

Does the world reign or Christ?

Does wasting time reign or Christ?

Does food reign or Christ?

Who reigns your heart? You or Christ?

SEPTEMBER 2006

ARE YOU FORGIVING?

(Main article on page 1)

RECIPES ARE BACK!

(Heath section on page 3)

**Schools told it's no longer
necessary to teach right from
wrong**

**American woman: I
descended from Jesus Christ**

(News section on page 5)

***BUT THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND (COMETH), BE YE THEREFORE
SOBER, AND WATCH UNTO PRAYER***

(1 PETER 4:7)



There are in the world today many who close their eyes to the evidences that Christ has given to warn men of His coming. They seek to quiet all apprehension, while at the same time the signs of the end are rapidly fulfilling, and the world is hastening to the

time when the Son of man shall be revealed in the clouds of heaven. Paul teaches that it is sinful to be indifferent to the signs which are to precede the second coming of Christ. Those guilty of this neglect he calls children of the night and of darkness. He encourages the vigilant and watchful with these words: "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

Especially important to the church in our time are the

teachings of the apostle upon this point. To those living so near the great consummation, the words of Paul should come with telling force: "Let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."

The watchful Christian is a working Christian, seeking zealously to do all in his power for the advancement of the gospel. As love for his Redeemer increases, so also does love for his fellow men. He has severe trials, as had his Master; but he does not allow affliction to sour his temper or destroy his peace of mind. He knows that trial, if well borne, will refine and purify him, and bring him into closer fellowship with Christ. Those who are partakers of Christ's sufferings will also be partakers of His consolation and at last sharers of His glory.