

“Times When Men Sleep”

Matt. 13:24-30

Introduction

- I. History shows us that terrible things have been done while some men slept.
- II. We need to recognize that while some sleep is needed, some is not.

Discussion

- I. Jonah
 - A. Instead of obeying God's command to go and preach to Nineveh, Jonah boarded a ship to go to Tarshish.
 - B. God caused a tempest, but Jonah stayed asleep (Jonah 1:5-6).
 - C. There are many “asleep” today who have no idea how perilous their situations are (cf. Rom. 13:11).
- II. Disciples of Jesus
 - A. Mark 14:32-42
 - B. At a time when Jesus was dealing with great distress, His disciples did not comfort Him.
 - C. Today, there are spiritually “worn” people who are “asleep” (1 Pet. 5:8).
- III. Samson
 - A. Three times, Delilah had tried to discover the source of Samson's great strength (Judges 16:7, 11, 13).
 - B. After much effort, Samson finally told Delilah the source, and slept with false security (Judges 16:16-22).
 - C. Today, there are some who are “asleep” due to affection for someone or something.
- IV. The Slothful
 - A. Proverbs 24:30-34
 - B. Laziness is key in the failure of so many to “wake up” and do the will of the Lord.
- V. We must make sure that we are not “sleeping on the job”.
 - A. Ephesians 5:14-17
 - B. 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8
 - C. Christians are to be alert and on guard (1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7; 5:8-9).

Conclusion

- I. The church cannot “go to sleep” on matters of importance.
- II. For now, we need to working, and later we can have our rest (Heb. 4:9-11).