

1. "Thou that sleepest," the figure of our text is very expressive: In spiritual death, the sleeper, is not consciousness of the real danger about him. If he knew of his danger he would not be asleep. While he dreams of peace and safety, he is carnally secure: Romans 13:12,13; 1 Thess. 5:4-7.

So long as the sinner sleeps in spiritual death:

1. He does no good; 2. He gets no good; 3. He cares for nothing; He is asleep.

2. "Thou that sleepest." The man is asleep:

1. He may have an abstract belief in God and in Christianity. So long as he is sleeping it matters little what he might have been doing had he been awake.

2. His sleep is spiritual indifference. The sin of indifference prostrates all the energies of the soul. David's prayer: Psalms 13:3.

(a) Those who seemed to have been awake: Rom. 10:1-2; Israel's zeal was an element of strength. Their zeal without correct knowledge was their weakness.

→ (b) We have all know persons as quick to cool down as they were to warm up.

3. The command: Awake; Get-up; Arise.

1. From a sinful neglect of duty.
2. Consider your state and danger.
3. Break off your sins by repentance and obedience.

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