

It Is High Time for Us to Awake

Rom 13¹¹ And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

* **As Christians**, we are children of _____.

Luke 1.78 ... the Dayspring from on high has visited us

Mal 4.2 ... the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings

Col 1.13 [The Father] has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

Eph 5.8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

* **So we** must _____ as children of light.

Eph 5.8 ... Walk as children of light ... ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness ... ¹⁴ ... "Awake, you who sleep" ...

1Thes 5.5-8 ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

* **Another biblical** aspect of "knowing the time" is identifying _____ periods.

* **What characterized** the OT wilderness period?

Exo 17.3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ... ⁷ ... [T]hey tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Deut 8.2-17 ² And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³ So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna ... that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵ You should

know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. ⁶ Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, ... ⁹ a land in which ... you will lack nothing ... ¹⁰ When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God ... ¹² lest — when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; ¹³ and ... all that you have is multiplied ¹⁴ [— then] your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God ... ¹⁷ [and] then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

* **What about** the first generation of Christians?

Rev 12.5-6 ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness ...

1Cor 10.1-11 ¹ Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as were some of them ... ⁸ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

* **What are** the inward arch enemies and their remedies?

Heb 12.1-28 ¹ [L]et us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls ... ⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING [training] OF THE LORD, NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE REBUKED BY HIM; ⁶ FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE [TRAINS], AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." ⁷ If you endure [training], God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten [train]? ⁸ But if you are without [training], of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons ... ¹⁰ ... [The Father trains us] for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. ¹¹ Now no [training] seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed ... ²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks ... ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO HEAVEN." ²⁷ Now this, "YET ONCE MORE," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably