



# While Men Slept

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# *Ogaga Obrerohor Teaching...*

*While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. Matthew 13:25.*

Oh, we would be digging wide and deep into this scripture and seeing various shades of meanings of the word *sleep*. Knowing that God has said, *neither give place to the devil* in Eph. 4:27, we must not be ignorant of the spiritual meaning of sleep because this ground is a major ground the devil uses to come in and quickly sow thorns and thistles and quickly run away. Some tares the devil sows are thoughts, sicknesses, diseases, demons, vain imaginations, beliefs etc.

We would be going precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little on the word, *while men slept*. The spirit realm becomes hyperactive **while men slept**. God Himself had to put Adam into a deep sleep for Him to do a surgery in Adam. Sleep is a good time for the body and mind to rest but the human spirit is ever active.

We have various meanings of sleep we would be delving into, the sleep of death, the sleep of dream, the sleep of ignorance, the sleep of loss of concentration and focus, the sleep of idleness and inactiveness, sleep of sexual immorality, etc. Psalms 13:3 says, *Consider and hear me, o Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.*

Lord God, lighten our eyes with your word so that we would not sleep the sleep of ignorance, or of death, or sleep of idleness, etc.

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We see that death is a form of sleep. Believers sleep in the lord. We have righteous men who stood for God and destroyed the works of the devil. The devil could not move an inch while those men were still alive. As soon as this men slept in the lord the enemy arose to sow seeds of oppression once again. When great men did not raise up worthy successors, when they pass away, the enemy immediately comes to sow his tares.

Look at the children of Israel, each time a great revivalist arose in the Book of judges, it says there was peace in the land of Israel as long as the Judges were alive. But as soon as they passed away, surrounding nations began to oppress the Israelites. The only way to close this gap is to raise disciples who will, in turn, raise disciples and so on, so that as some are passing away, then others smoking in righteousness are taking over that the devil has no space to carry out his task. Moses had to raise Joshua, but Joshua raised no one, hence Israel went into great darkness and the enemy sowed all kinds of seeds. Elijah raised Elisha, but Elisha raised no one, thus the nation also experienced darkness because of the sleep of heroes. We must begin to raise up disciples in our workplace, and our communities. The devil can try to kill a man before His time so that He can continue his wicked activities in a place.

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The sleep of idleness, the sleep of loneliness. The sleep of passivity. The idle man is the devil's workshop, likewise, the idle mind is the devil's dustbin. The enemy visits during times of idleness. When you are bored, he comes with terrible suggestions. When you are busy and you fully engage your

mind and your hands, you will have no room for the flesh to roam talkless of the devil. Remember King David who became idle and bored in 2 Samuel 11:2. He began to wander and stray around on the roof of his house and saw a naked woman. There are various roofs (platforms like social media, the internet, films, facebook etc). Was it not while you were idle and you started browsing all kinds of sites and films on the internet like king David and saw a naked woman. For some, their bondage to pornography began like that. While they were surfing upon the roof of the Internet, they saw seductive pictures that drew them to sin. Loneliness is another sleep that the devil exploits. The devil through ladies will come and seduce you while you are alone and not while you are among your friends. He comes at lonely hours. Passivity is another crucial moment. When you do not arise to resist the devil and take your victory by force but you allow anything that comes your way saying it is the will of God. The enemy likes that and will go on sowing tares. May God lighten our eyes that we would not sleep the sleep idleness or sleep of ignorance.

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Sleep of dreams is a sleep the devil tries to exploit. The enemy comes to sow tares while men dream. He just comes to sow his own drama play in your dreams and your daydreams etc. We must guard our dream life with all diligence and rebuke the activities of the enemy. This is why we must cancel any dream that is contrary to the word of God. Only the counsel of the lord must stand in our lives. It is good to dream dreams. But it should be God-given dreams. Through dreams, some have been initiated into various covenants. But every covenant with death has been disannulled through the cross and every agreement

with hell shall not stand because of the finished works of Jesus on the cross.

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Sleep means to have sexual immorality. To sleep with a man means to have sex with a man. This has been a major inroad of the enemy into the lives of men, even believers. This is sex between two people not married to each other. While men slept (had sexual immorality), the enemy came and sowed sicknesses, germs, diseases, etc and went His way. Some may just be having sexual immorality in their minds. Their imaginations go immoral and this grants the devil space to sow tares. It is necessary for man to guard his eyes and His heart with all diligence. Feed your eyes with godliness. Turn away your eyes from beholding vanity. Worldly films have been programmed to have scenes of immorality just to make many drift into sleep and give inroad to the devil. Some have been tied down in masturbation. Awake out of sleep and enter into the rest provided in Christ through the cross. The sleep of sexual immorality is what quietly slew many Samsons and made many impotent. Having a form of godliness but lacking the power thereof. God who quickens the dead and calls those things that be not as though they were, is able to deliver all who are sleeping the sleep of sexual immorality and are bound in it.

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Another sleep is the sleep of ignorance. Many perish for lack of knowledge. The enemy sows all kinds of tares in a man that is ignorant of the word of God and the finished works of Christ. The area you are ignorant of concerning what Jesus has done is the area the enemy will sow his tares. If you are ignorant of

what Jesus has done in the area of divine health and prosperity, you will suffer from various tares planted by the enemy. So also in freedom from sin. You shall know the truth and the truth you know shall set you free from tares. Every plant which our heavenly father has not planted has to be uprooted. Submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you. Man is the one that has to arise and resist. We should study to know. Study and equip ourselves with knowledge. We should know our identity in Christ. We should not be ignorant of the devices of the enemy.

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When men begin to lose concentration, lose guard, lose focus, they are drifting into sleep. When you want to destroy a man of great vision, give him a second one, it will fragment his focus, dilute his energy and destroy his concentration. At the point at which such a one has lost concentration, the enemy can sow tares and go his way. The enemy comes at points at which men begin to lose guard and lower their consecrations. Such points when men begin to take prayer for granted. Points at which you begin to take your quiet time for granted, that you can skip it for one week and not feel it. Points at which men retire from the highway of holiness and allow "anything goes" in their lives.

This is also a time when men were out of their minds. They may be, were drunk with wine, drunk with love or lust, drunk with drugs and thus the enemy took advantage of them and sowed tares into them. When people are depressed and times of heartbreak, unrest, failures, lack, confusions here and there are when the enemy comes to sow negative thoughts and imaginations, sow tares and goes his way. May God who never sleep nor slumbers and who watches over us in the day and in the night, cause us not to experience such a sleep. Amen.

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