

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont

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Sermon

Man, Stay Awake!

Matthew 26: 36-46

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Song/Prayer: Amazing Grace

Those of you that have your Holy Bibles or Holy Scriptures turn with me to the New Testament to the Gospel of St. Matthew 26: 36-46.

When you have it, just say, amen, and if you need more time just say, hold on.

Read Matthew 26: 36-46 in its entirety.

The Sermon though for today is, “Man, Stay Awake!”

Note, that, not being able to stay awake, does not mean that as Christian believer we are out of the LORD GOD’S Will; it simply means that as human we Christian fall short of the glory of GOD. Romans 3: 23 says, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” In this text we find that Jesus Christ after administering the LORD’S SUPPER, went out to Gethsemane, taking HIS disciples alone with HIM; gave HIS disciples three assignments to do.

Let us look at these assignments.

Assignment #1

- **Stay (Matthew 26: 36-38).**

Now, when we think of the word stay, we think of waiting, tarrying, patience, hoping, remain where you are. Romans 8: 25 says, “But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.” We may not see the things that are to come at us in our lifetime, but we are to have faith and hope in Jesus Christ, because HE sees beyond our circumstances. So, we just like, Jesus Christ’s disciples has the assignment to stay and to learn how to obey the LORD in our time of sorrow. You see, when the LORD tells us to stay at a particular place, we are to do just that, and not hop, from place to place. Because we can hinder or delay the blessing that the LORD has for us.

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Assignment # 2

- **Watch (Matthew 26: 40).**

Now, Jesus Christ after taken Peter, John, and James with HIM, began to be sorrowful and very heavy, “**said My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here. And watch with me.**” Jesus Christ had never known sadness such as this in HIS earthly life. He wanted HIS disciples who were more mature in HIM to watch with HIM or to intercede with HIM in prayer. Now, when we are going through stressful and challenging times, we want those who have a sympathetic and understanding heart around us, those who do not mind interceding by watching with us. Jesus Christ leaves the second time, to pray, saying, “**O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.**” Jesus Christ returned unto HIS disciples and find them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

Being that the disciples had knowledge of Jesus Christ as their LORD, still, they found themselves giving in to sin because of their disobedience.

After this prayer Jesus Christ returned unto the disciples, and Jesus Christ finds them asleep. Jesus Christ awakened them but Jesus Christ reprimanded Peter, saying, “**What, could ye not watch with me one hour?**”

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Assignments # 3

- **Pray (Matthew 26: 41).**

Why, would Jesus Christ reprimand Peter and not John and James?

Well, it was Peter who had said twice that he would never forsake the LORD Jesus Christ. Matthew 26: 33 says, “Peter answered and said unto him, though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.” And Matthew 26: 35 says, “Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise, also said all the disciples.” Also, it was Peter who said to Jesus Christ when Jesus asked whom do ye say that I am? Peter said that thou art the SON of the living GOD, and Jesus Christ answered, saying, blessed art thou Simon Bar-jo'-na: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven (Matthew 16: 16-17). Jesus Christ wanted Peter to understand that he needed to watch and pray, so, that he would enter not into temptation, saying, Peter your spirit indeed is willing, but your flesh is weak (Matthew 26: 41).

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You see some of us, have been asleep for years, and have allowed ourselves to succumb to temptation and sin. We are to awake, for the day is near, yet it is already come for us to awake up from our slumber. Romans 13: 11 says, “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now, is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”

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Jesus Christ leaves, now, the third time to pray, saying the same prayer, and when HE returns, He find them (HIS disciples) asleep. During the time of Jesus Christ's agonizing distress, HIS disciples were near, but they were useless in their intercession to watch and pray.

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Jesus Christ's hour had come, and the Romans soldiers came to take HIM to be, judged by an unjust judge. Accused falsely of a crime that HE did not commit, Jesus Christ allowed HIMSELF to be sentence to a death that was meant for you and me.

Romans 5: 8 says, “But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Jesus Christ beaten, and lead to a hill called Calvary, where the Romans Soldiers nailed HIS hands and HIS feet to the cross and lifted the cross up high for all to see the SON of GOD being, crucified.

Jesus died on that cross by giving up the ghost according to Matthew 27: 50.

The Romans soldiers took Jesus Christ down off the cross and they laid HIM in Joseph tomb. Where Jesus Christ laid taking away your condemnation and my condemnation for believing in and on HIM as the SON of GOD.

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Now, early, early on the third day morning GOD the FATHER raised HIS SON Jesus Christ up from the dead and gave unto HIM (Jesus Christ) all power in heaven and on

earth in HIS (Jesus Christ) hands, and unto us who believes in and on HIM (Jesus Christ), GOD the FATHER gives unto us eternal life.

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Jesus Christ is coming back again; we must watch and prayer because we know not the hour nor the day of HIS return. Matthew 24: 44 says, **“Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”**

Man, Stay Awake, and be on guard because temptation is nearer than what you may think. We need to have, trust in the Lord, while we wait, watch and pray.

I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord.

I will trust in the Lord until I die.

I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord.

I will trust in the Lord until I die.

I am going to watch, fight and pray. I am going to watch, fight and pray.

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