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**Living Faith Chapel, Calgary  
(Solution Center)**

WORD FOR THE WEEK

**DANGERS OF FALLING SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP**

Blessed be the name of our heavenly father for giving us the grace to gather in His presence once more to give Him praise. We do nothing by our power or wisdom. The Lord has been good to us both as a church and as individuals. Having taken us this far in 2017, by faith, He will see us through to the end of the year and into the year 2018.

October is the month dedicated to seek the face of God and review how prepared we are with the great day of the Lord. The question on our lips this month is: are we awake or asleep? Are we alert to the great day of the Lord? We bless God for giving us this moment of self-check. As many as are spiritually asleep, we pray that the Lord will give us the grace to keep awake and be watchful in Jesus' name.

Last week the Lord reminded us of the areas where we needed to be watchful. **2 Tim 4: 5** says: "*watch thou in all things,*" and we were reminded to watch in the following areas:

- Our service to the Lord;
- Our relationship with others; and
- Our mind

Today, we shall examine the dangers of falling spiritually asleep. Some of the dangers are as follows:

- 1) **Unexpected rejection and termination of our calling:** In **1Kgs 18, Elijah**, by the grace of God, confirmed the superiority of God to the worshipers of Baal, and in **1Kgs 19: 1-2** on Mt. Horeb. However, just immediately after this victory, Elijah got a demonic message from Jezebel and in **1Kg 19: 3-5** Elijah fled from Judah, left his servant and ran to the juniper tree and **SLEPT** off. God queried him on what he was doing at this **RESTING** place and he replied in **1Kg 19: 10** and **14** that he had been abandoned by all and was left alone but the Lord replied that He had seven thousand unknown army reserves. Elijah was full of excuses and at the end, his ministry was withdrawn from him and handed over to Elisha. May we not be replaced in Jesus' name!
- 2) **Falling spiritually asleep gives room to enemy attack and delayed testimony:** The Children of Israel spent 430 instead of 400 years in Egypt. But in **Dan 9: 1-3**, Daniel was awake and went to prayers, fasting, with sackcloth and ashes. At exact 70 years, the Lord Moved to action and they obtained freedom from exile in Babylon. I pray that the Lord will set us free today as we keep awake in Jesus' name!
- 3) **Untimely death:** Paul was ministering in **Acts 20: 7-10** in the gathering of the Apostles and a co-fellowship member named Eutychus was deep asleep, fell down and died. The meeting was disrupted and Apostle Paul had to stop the ministrations to wake him up.

On the other side of the coin, to be awake and at alert guarantees us victory at all times. In **1Sam 17**, while the soldiers in battle front were spiritually asleep, David was awake to see the battle in the spirit. To be alive is to be on top and in victory mood always. In **Mt 13:25-30**, when men slept, the enemy sowed tares in their midst and there was no remedy until the harvest time.

I pray today, as many tares as are growing with our seed, that the good Lord will eliminate them in Jesus name.

**NOTE:** If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at [pastor@rccglfc.org](mailto:pastor@rccglfc.org)