

Warning to the Sluggard (Proverbs 6: 6-11)

- Last week: Beware the promises you make (6:1-5)
 1. Watch out for who you make alliances with
 - A. Cautionary council on surety (6:1,2)
 - B. Deliverance and humility (6:3-5)

I. Warning to the Sluggard: you are on your way to ruin (6:6-8)

“Go to the ant you sluggard”

“Consider her ways and be wise”

- Let the wisdom of the ant teach you even as it rebukes you:
 - 1) *Lesson # 1: The ant has no leader “which having no captain, overseer, or ruler”*
 - 2) *Lesson #2: prepares food “provides her supplies/ meet”*
 - 3) *Lesson #3: uses seasons to prepare: provides supplies in summer, gathers food in harvest*

II. Judgment & Condemnation Loom Large for the Sluggard (6: 9-11)

- Provocative analogy are not enough, action must be taken
- Prosecutors rhetorical question: How long will you slumber O sluggard?
- Little sleep, little slumber, little folding of the hands.
- V. 11 So shall Your poverty come upon you like a prowler”
- “Your need like and armed man” (man with a shield)

Deeper issue or the heart

- Fall – Gen 3: 17-19
- Seeking Christ: Luke 19: 20; 13:24
- Disorder in the church: 2 Thess 3:10, 11

Christ's Appearance on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-32)

- Happened on the Lord's Day, after the resurrection 24: 1, 13 "*same day*"
- Two unknown disciples: one disciple known as Cleopas
- *Women find an empty tomb. Angels: "why do you seek the living among the dead"* 24:6
- *They remembered Jesus words* – returned & reported to disciples (24:8,9)
- "*Their words seemed to them like idle tales, & they did not believe them*" (24:11)

I. Two Unbelieving Disciples and the Unseen Jesus (24:18-24)

- V 14 "*two disciples talked together of all these things which happened*"
- Jesus drew near: v. 16 "*eyes were restrained that they did not know Him*"
- Vs 17 "*what kind of conversation is this...as you walk and are sad*"
- Vs 18 "*are you a stranger in Jerusalem...Jesus replies: what things?*"
- Vv 19-24 "*they explained to Him all the facts*" – problem – no faith? Vs 21

II. Jesus Rebuke: Disciples Believe Scriptures Testimony (24: 25-29)

- O foolish ones, slow of heart – why? to believe Scripture all the prophets
- Christ had to suffer to enter into His glory (v.25)
- Jesus restored their faith in Him: vs 27 *taught them from Moses & the prophets.*
- They couldn't recognize his physical appearance: saw by faith in Scripture

III. Faith Grasps – Christ in the Scripture: Eyes are Opened (24:28-30)

- "*Drew near to the village, urged Him, (didn't recognize him) stay with them* (v.28)
- "*Sat at the table, took bread blessed it – eyes were open & they knew Him*" (v.29)

IV. Lesson Learned: Did not our hearts Burn Within Us (24: 30,31)

- They had the Scriptures opened to them and then they saw Christ and knew Him
- *Their hearts burned as He taught them* – fellowship in the Word ignited their faith.