

# Time to Awake

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of being spiritually awake and making the most of the special time appointed by God for personal repentance and salvation.*

**Duration:** 50:19

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:33, Romans 13:11-12, Romans 13:14, Ephesians 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:6, Revelation 19:7-9

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the urgency of waking up from spiritual slumber and being aware of the time we are living in. He highlights the importance of casting off sinful behaviors and putting on the armor of light. The speaker expresses concern for the lost souls in the world and the need for Christians to actively share the message of salvation. He challenges listeners to reflect on their own actions and question how many souls they have led to Christ in the past year. The sermon draws from biblical references, particularly Romans 13:11-14, to emphasize the need for spiritual awakening and evangelism.

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## Transcript

Shall we pray and ask God to bless his word? Must hand us. We pray, Lord, that you will bless your word. We know that the letter kills.

That your spirit brings life. Lord, may the words that proceed from your mouth, may they work in a marvelous way now. Amen.

Amen. We'll read from Romans chapter 13 from verse 11. And do this knowing the time, that now it is high time to wake out of sleep.

For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 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. Let us walk properly as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts.

Amen. This is not a very long portion of scripture, but there is so much. It contains so much.

There's so many points in this portion that we have read. It starts like this. And do this knowing the time, that it is high time to wake out of your sleep.

And in Zulu it says, and as you know, um, now I say, well, Paul, maybe in your time people knew, but today it's as if the Christians don't know. Do you know what Paul is talking about? And as it's where it says, and as you know, the time. So now the point in time.

This is the time. It's high time to awake out of your sleep. And here where it says, and as you know, this point in time, it refers to times.

And we all know there are different times, a time when the Lord Jesus was born, when he was crucified, when he rose from the dead. But here doesn't refer to a time such as this. In the Greek, this time refers to a very special time on God's calendar, where he has a very special purpose, which he wants to fulfill.

It's the time referred to as Kairos. And some years ago, there were even some ministers who, um, were very involved in politics and they wrote a document, which they referred to as the Kairos document. And they wrote a document, which they referred to as the Kairos document.

Kairos is a very special time. God has appointed for you personally, for you to repent and to get to work. Not like some people who say, but well, I don't feel my time is ripe yet to repent.

Woe to you if your Kairos comes and you don't make proper use of that opportunity. And God says, this is your Kairos, your time where you need to wake out of your sleep. As you know, when you're asleep, you're ignorant of what's happening around you.

Like some people are in such a deep sleep, thieves come into their home, they steal things next to their bed, their cell phone and other things. When you wake up, the thieves are gone and your possessions are gone. Oh, and then you have regrets and you so feel sorry for yourself.

Doesn't help you were forced to sleep. The Bible says, watch and pray. Was in the greatest distress in the garden of Gethsemane.

He was praying, but his disciples were asleep. And he even said to them, yes, the spirit is willing, but the body is weak. But he said, can't you watch for me just for one hour? You see, they were asleep and not just physically.

Even later when those soldiers came to arrest the king of kings, to take him to trial, they were asleep. They were not, they didn't realize what was going on in the spiritual sense. Someone that's asleep doesn't notice what's going on.

He doesn't notice it. He's asleep. It's better though to be physically asleep than to be spiritually asleep.

Yesterday we were somewhere. I hadn't been there for quite some time. It was an area where I was almost on a daily basis for almost 30 years.

And because of various business commitments as well. And at that time there were vast areas where there were almost no houses, maybe two or three. But now I went there, yes, I couldn't believe how many houses there were built there now.

And I said, who will help these souls? Are we just going to look on as they head for hell? There are many people in this world that are heading for hell. There are just not enough people to warn them and to tell them the truth. Woe to the people who just are busy with their own careers, just busy making money.

That's all they're busy with. They don't have a soul for the lost. And people are going lost.

And the Lord says, if you don't warn the wicked that he is going to die, he will die. But I'll require his blood of your hands. We're going to celebrate Christmas soon.

We celebrated not long ago. It's a year since then. What have you been busy with in this past year? How many souls have you been able to lead to Christ? But even your family will pass on.

Your wife, your children, one after the other to the last one. And maybe you'll experience them heading for hell and landing in hell. And they'll call out and say, Father, why didn't you help us? But we're going to celebrate Christmas soon.

At Klebini yesterday, I told them about Mr. Svisi who passed away here at the mission a few years ago. And in my bedroom. And before he passed away, he said to me, He said, now I can die.

Now I can go to heaven. I said, but you've been a Christian for so long. Why do you say that now? He says, no, now I am free to go because I've taken my children out of my heart.

There are many parents who will end up in hell because Jesus isn't in their heart. It's their children that's in their hearts. They do what their children tell them.

They dictate to them. Not the Lord. Jesus said, if anyone loves father, mother, brother, sister or child more than me, he's not worthy to be my disciple.

And he did that. And I can testify to it. So awake out of your sleep.

But maybe you're still fast asleep. Maybe you're a mother or a grandmother. And you are supporting your children who are living immoral lives.

They bring their children home that they've got out of wedlock. And you care for them. All your pension money you spend on them.

You're busy with your children. You're fast asleep. Because you have no spiritual life.

Because these children of yours, they have you just where they want you. Why? Because they're supporting you financially. And because of that, you'll do anything for them.

At any cost. At any cost. Sin goes in and out of your home.

And you say nothing. You're lukewarm. You're not on fire spiritually.

Baba. If someone asks you, How are you? Oh no, I am well thank you. But tell me, where are your children? Where are your neighbors? Yes, I'm well because I.. I earn a good salary and I've got a nice car.

Nobody there. Nobody there. You'll go to hell with all those things that you say you've got, and while all the others around you are on their way to hell.

Someone gave me a book, and I couldn't believe that there's a black person who lives like this. I put that letter down, I said, I didn't know that there were such people, such black people here. He said, but nowadays all we are taught is to hate the white men.









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