people? That is not having our loins girded, and it is not as a doctrine we are to have it only.

The people of God should wait with the girdle and the lamp, which are the beautiful standing symbols of their calling, till the Lord appears—that is, with minds girt up unto holy separation from present things, and with hearts brightened up with the desire and expectation of coming things.

The adversary gets many an advantage over us through slovenliness. How little equal are we to the occasions that present themselves. Satan works more effectually now with the pillow than he formerly did with the stake.

"WATCH

YE THEREFORE: FOR YE KNOW NOT

WHEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE COMETH,

AT EVEN, OR AT MIDNIGHT, OR AT THE COCK-CROWING,

OR IN THE MORNING:

LEST COMING SUDDENLY HE FIND YOU SLEEPING.

AND WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU I SAY UNTO ALL,

WATCH."

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