

And now, my reader, are you ready for such a sudden appearing? Are you ready to meet your Lord? Or are you fast asleep in your sins? Are you fascinated like Eve with the old serpent's allurements, and occupied with some pretty, lovely thing of the earth, like botany, a flower, a dress, a pleasure, a dance, or any other object, and your eye turned away from God and the Lord Jesus Christ who is coming quickly. O man and woman with an immortal soul, God's offspring, God's creature, did God create you for this, to be taken up with the things of earth, and forget Himself and your everlasting interests. Drunkard, did thy Creator make thee for this—to abuse thy mind, heart, intellect, by filling thy belly with the burning liquid of whiskey, rum, brandy, etc. O sleeper, awake! the Lord, thy Lord cometh as a thief in the night. 'Meats for the belly and the belly for meats, but God shall destroy both it and them.'

The Lord is going to treat this rejecting world as it treated Him. It treated Him as a thief in the night. He is coming upon it in that character. The thief comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. O sinner, think of it. If you do not repent, the Lord is coming quickly, not to steal, but to take His own goods and property out of the hands of the usurper! and in flaming fire to take vengeance upon them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.