

**RUN!**

**I went by the field of a slacker  
and by the vineyard of a man lacking sense.**

**Thistles had come up everywhere,  
weeds covered the ground,  
and the stone wall was ruined.**

**I saw, and took it to heart;  
I looked, and received instruction:  
a little sleep, a little slumber,  
a little folding of the arms to rest,  
and your poverty will come like a robber,  
your need, like a bandit.**

**9** Even though we are speaking this way, dear friends, in your case we are confident of the better things connected with salvation. **10** For God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you showed for His name when you served the saints—and you continue to serve them. **11** Now we want each of you to demonstrate the same diligence for the final realization of your hope, **12** so that you won't become lazy but will be imitators of those who inherit the promises through faith and perseverance.

**8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"**

**“The very first thing that happened after the news reached heaven of the fall of man, was that God came straight down to seek out the lost one. As He walks through the garden in the cool of the day, you can hear Him calling “Adam! Adam! Where art thou?” It was the voice of grace, of mercy, and of love. Adam ought to have taken the seeker’s place, for he was the transgressor. He had fallen, and he ought to have gone up and down Eden crying, “My God! my God! where art Thou?” But God left heaven to seek through the dark world for the rebel who had fallen — not to hurl him from the face of the earth, but to plan him an escape from the misery of his sin.”**

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