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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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Woe to Those at Ease

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"Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud." Psa. 123

No doubt many of you are aware that we are living in an age of carelessness, indifference, and unconcern. Some folks are unconcerned about the government, they are unconcerned about the moral decay of our society, they are unconcerned about the children in their own homes, and they are unconcerned about the welfare of their own precious soul. Then how could we expect them to be concerned about the millions who are in darkness dying without hope of heaven and without God? Did you notice this last verse which I gave you as it mentions "those that are at ease"? This seems to be typical of our age. There is an old expression which I think contains a lot of truth. It goes something like this, "all you have to do to be lost is just do nothing."

In other words it requires no effort to be lost. You can be careless, indifferent, and unconcerned and be lost. There are lots of folks doing that. And you can go with the crowd and be among the popular ones and still be lost if you do nothing to make your peace with God.

Listen to this scripture from Isa. 32 beginning with verse 9, "Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins." Now it is quite possible that there is much more involved than just a warning to the women folks to be up and about their work. You see when we were down in Ecuador this summer we noticed that the women often carried the produce to market, made the sales of the fruits and vegetables, and in general did much of the work instead of the men. I suppose it would be bad for them if the women were to stop their work! But as I say I think there is more involved than just this. It is quite likely that this is a warning to Judea of the impending dangers to their provinces and cities by the Chaldeans. It was a warning for them to awaken and be concerned of the approaching deso-

