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Let's Run

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Columnist Herb Capn wrote in the San Francisco Chronicle: "Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle; when the sun comes up, you'd better be running."

Charles Spurgeon, a famous preacher of years ago, wrote likewise:

"If you are not seeking the Lord, the Devil is seeking you. If you are not seeking the Lord, Judgment is at your heels."

Someone has said,

"In the Christian life, it's not enough, simply to wake up. We are called to run, to become more like Christ, to press ahead in godliness."

Like the struggle for life in the wilderness—land of Africa, the Christian life is also a struggle. In Satan, we face a formidable foe and opponent. One who is capable, if we are not armed and prepared, of overtaking us and doing us great harm. For this reason we are given many warnings in scripture about his power and our need to be aware and alert for his advances.

I. Running: N.T.
9 scriptures!

OUR LESSON:

1. I Cor. 9:24-25

Stathmian James
500 B.C. Pure Greeks
Rigorous training—20 mi.
Sacrifice all to win.
Stress. Strain. Pain. Agony.
one winner.

a. Chr. Race:

all win.

First in - wins.

Last in - wins.

all the faithful win.

2. I Cor. 9:26.

How Paul ran.
not uncertain! Nishy Way
*II Tim. 1:12!

3. Gal. 2:1-2.

RACE - metaphor
denoting a mission.
Acts 15 - Conference.

4. Gal. 5:6-7.

Race: a life of
doctrinal parity.

5. Phil. 2:14-18.

Jealous & serious
about this Chr. family
Best of the lot.

6. Phil. 3:13-14. never
satisfied. always on guard

+ pushing himself. Determined!

7. II Tim. 4:6-8. Ready for the Lord to come quickly
anytime alright!

8. Heb. 12:1-2. Now, think back! The greatest
man well. you can too. Reduce encumbrances

9. I Pet. 4:4. Shake off the past. Look ahead.

How near to the finish-line are you? worthy & ambitious? Ready???