



Title | The Day of the Lord
Series | Living Like He's Coming
Text | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
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Sermon Notes

1 Thessalonians 5:1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **4** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. **5** For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. *ESV*

Big Idea:

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, where Paul mentions “the day of the Lord.” According to Isaiah 13:9 and Zephaniah 1:14-15, what does the day of the Lord include?

Tuesday:

In light of the events described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, it would be understandable for the Thessalonian believers to wonder if they were going to be subject to the wrath of God poured out in the day of the Lord. According to 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11, what is the answer to this question?

Wednesday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:3-8. As believers, what should our response be to the coming day of the Lord?

Thursday:

In 1 Thessalonians 5:8, Paul says believers should be ready for the day of the Lord “since we belong to the day.” Compare this with 1 Thessalonians 5:5. To what is Paul appealing to motivate us to live in readiness for the day of the Lord?

Friday:

To what extent and in what ways does your identity in Christ motivate you to be ready for the day of the Lord?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to know who I am in Christ and to live out my identity in anticipation of the day of the Lord. Amen.

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