

# ANTICIPATE!

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRIST'S RETURN A STUDY THROUGH 1 THESSALONIANS

## #7 The Coming Day of The Lord!

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

### THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

*1Thessalonians 5:1* Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**1. A TEMPTING SPECULATION TO AVOID:** Believers are wise to stay away from predicting the exact dates of prophesied end times events. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

*Acts 1:6* So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

*Matthew 24:36* No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

*Matthew 24:42* Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

*Matthew 24:44* You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect it.

**2. A DIFFICULT TRUTH TO DIGEST:** Judgment will come at God's appointed time and He will destroy His enemies. 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

***What is "The Day of the Lord?"***

***When will it come?***

***How will it come?***

*"like a thief in the night" -*

*"like labor pains" -*

**3. A STARK CONTRAST TO UNDERSTAND:** Believers are Day People, not Night People, and thus won't be surprised and overtaken by the Day of Judgment. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

"Day People"	"Night People"
Light	Darkness
Enlightened	Ignorant
Awake	Asleep
Alert, Watchful, Vigilant	Surprised, caught off guard
Sober-minded	Drunk
Self-controlled	Undisciplined
Salvation	Wrath and Judgment

**4. A WARTIME MINDSET TO LIVE OUT:** Unlike the oblivious world, God's people are called to be Alert and Battle Ready as the end times draw ever nearer. 1 Thessalonians 5:8

**5. AN EDIFYING ENCOURAGEMENT TO SHARE:** Believers can build each other up by sharing the Gospel Truth about our glorious future together. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

FEAR-DEFEATING TRUTHS

**We are NOT going to suffer God's wrath!**

**We ARE going to receive deliverance!**

**Jesus died for us so we could live!**

**We will all be together FOREVER!**