

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Day of the Lord – Thief in the Night**

### Thief in the Night

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

### Sons of the Light

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

### Not appointed to Wrath

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

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### Facts Revealed:

#### Thief in the Night [1 Thessalonians 5:1-3]

- ✚ Speaking of times and seasons they did not need for Paul to write about, the focus was on the end time and the coming of the Lord.
- ✧ In agreement with Jesus, Paul reminded them they already had been taught of the coming of the Lord as a thief in the night. [Matthew 24:42-44, Luke 12:38-40, 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10, Revelation 3:3]
- ✧ The concept is that the coming of the Lord will be at a time least expected and will catch the world off guard as they will be taken by surprise.
- ✧ The world will not be ready for the day of judgment which will bring sudden destruction upon them, just as certain as labor pains come suddenly upon a pregnant woman.
- ✧ It will be a time when the world thinks they have attained world peace.
- ✧ (I believe that the peace agreement being sought by every nation on earth today that calls for the division of the land of Israel creating two states, Palestinian and Israeli will be that agreement that causes the world to say "Peace and Safety.")
- ✧ Paul informs us that when the Day of the Lord comes with sudden destruction, none of the unbelievers will escape the wrath, judgment, and the following punishment from God.
- ✧ The Saints of God will have already been caught up to meet the Lord in the air to escape the coming wrath and to be ready to come with Jesus as part of the armies of Heaven. [1 Thessalonians 3:13-18, Revelation 19:11-14]

#### Sons of the Light [1 Thessalonians 5:4-8]

- ✚ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. [1 Thessalonians 5:4]
- ✧ Believers, knowing the signs of His coming and what to expect, will be living in readiness at the time of His coming and will not be caught off guard by surprise. [1 Thessalonians 5:5]
- ✧ To guard against being caught by surprise, in full agreement with the words of the Lord, Paul admonishes believers to be awake, watching seriously for His coming. [1 Thessalonians 5:6, Matthew 24:42, 25:13, Mark 13:32-37, Luke 12:35-40, 42-46, 21:36]

✧ To enable us to be watching effectively, we need our heart protected by faith and love, and our mind by the hope of salvation.

**Not appointed to Wrath** [[1 Thessalonians 5:9-11](#)]

✧ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

✧ God's provision of Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, is for the purpose of making a way to escape the Wrath of God appointed to bring His vengeance on the wicked.

✧ Christ died for us that whether we live or die, we should live together with Him. [[1 Thessalonians 5:10, 3:13-18](#)]

✧ It is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and be saved. [[2 Peter 3:9](#)]

✧ This information when coupled with the concept of being caught up to meet the Lord in the air, knowing that we are not appointed to wrath, and that God has a plan to make a way to escape, gives us great means of comforting those who have lost a saintly party in death.

✧ Paul therefore encouraged the Thessalonians to comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.