

LOOKING FOR JESUS
"The Day of the Lord"
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2. The Rapture of the Church results in 2 things:

- a) It brings the **Church age** to a conclusion
- b) It ushers in the **beginning of the Tribulation**

3. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

- a) The **Day of the Lord** begins when the church is Raptured out.
- b) The **Day of the Lord** is a time period which extends from the **Rapture** through the **Millennial Kingdom** and concludes with **The Great White Throne Judgment**.
- c) **THEN** comes the **Eternal State**

4. Jeremiah 30:7

- a) *Isaiah 13:9*
- b) *Amos 5:18-20*
- c) *Zephaniah 1:14-18*
- d) *Malachi 4:1*

5. WOW!!!! Revelation 5-6

- a) *Revelation 1:3*

CLARITY ABOUT THE DAY OF THE LORD

I. WHEN IT HAPPENS IS A SECRET

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2. 5:1

- a) "Now concerning the **times and the seasons**"
 - 1) "**times**" - refers to chronological time, clock or calendar time.
 - 2) "**seasons**" - refers to events or eras. Like the Times of the Gentiles.
 - a. *Luke 21:24*
- b) "**Times and Seasons**" - refers to God's plans for Israel and the nations.
 - 1) *Daniel 2:21*
 - 2) *Acts 1:7*

3. 5:1-2

4. **Acts 17:26**

5. You and I need only be concerned about what we can control and that it's the **CHOICES** that we make and our **RESPONSE** to what we know is **COMING**.

6. **A Question I hear often is this;** *"If God is so good why doesn't he deal with all this evil in the world?"*

a) *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

7. **Matthew 24:21 -22**

II. IT WILL HAPPEN SUDDENLY

A. A TIME OF FALSE SECURITY

1. **Matthew 24:38**

2. **Genesis 6:3-8**

a) *1 Peter 3:20*

B. A TIME OF SUDDEN DESTRUCTION

1. Vs 3b

a) *"Then sudden destruction will come upon them"*

2. Vs 3c

a) *"as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman"*

C. THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE

1. Vs 3c

a) *"and they will not escape"*

III. THERE IS SAFETY FOR BELIEVERS

A. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

1. Vs 4

a) *"But"*

2. **That day should not catch us by surprise** as we who are in the light know it's coming.

3. Vs 3

- a) "*Them*" & "*they*"

4. Vs 4-5

- a) "*you*"
- b) "*us*"

B. THE DARKNESS

1. Vs 4

2. Vs 9

C. THE DISTINCTION

1. Vs 5

2. *Colossians 1:13*

3. *Romans 13:12-14*

4. *Ephesians 5:8*

IV. A SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY

A. A CALL TO SOBRIETY

1. Vs 6-7

2. There are things that can be as addicting in this world as alcohol.

- a) "*and be sober*"

3. People can be addiction to:

- a) Power and Prestige.
- b) Materialism
- c) Popularity
- d) Entertainment
- e) Sports
- f) Pleasure/Self

B. A CALL TO PREPARATION

1. Vs 8

- a) "**Breastplate**" - protection the heart
- b) "**Helmet**" - protects the mind/memory/thoughts

V. THE BELIEVERS DESTINY

A. BE ENCOURAGED

1. God's Purpose

a) Vs 9

1) "*for God has not destined us for wrath*"

2) "*but to obtain salvation*"

- a. We have been saved - past
- b. We are being saved - present
- c. We will be saved - future

2. God's Provision

a) Vs 10

1) Salvation is eternal.

a) ***Ephesians 4:29-32***

b) ***Romans 8:1***

B. BE EMPOWERED

1. Have No Fear

a) Vs 11

b) ***2 Timothy 1:7***

2. Be Built Up

a) Vs 11

1) "*and build one another up*"