

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING

SO WALK IN THE LIGHT

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

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- 1 Thes. 5:1** Don't get distracted with you curiosity over times and dates.
- Matt. 24:36-44** No one but the Father knows, so don't even try to guess! Always be alert and watchful.
- Acts 1:6-8** Focus on being a witness for Christ and sharing the gospel with all around you.
- 1 Thes. 5:2** The Lord is coming, but it will be unannounced like a thief sneaking in to steal.
- 1 Thes. 5:3** It will come suddenly, unexpected by unbelievers, but as surely as a pregnant lady having a baby.

Context:

Our view of the beginning of the world has a direct effect on our view of the end of the world. It is impossible to have a view of how the world is going to conclude that is not directly related to our view of how it began.

- Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is self-deceiving to get what it wants and to not be held accountable.
- 1 Thes. 5:4-8** Imagery of darkness and light – being of the world or of God explaining how we are to live out our lives in Christ.
Believers should be different, have an eternal hope and not have a fear of death and judgment.
- Ephesians 5:8** You were darkness, but now live as children of light.
In Christ: redeemed, forgiven, justified, adopted – live in a manner worthy of who you are.
- 1 Thes. 1:9-10** Turned from idols to God and to serve Him while waiting for Christ's return from heaven.
- 1 Thes. 5:9-10** In Christ we have no wrath on our sin and our salvation is sure.
- 1 Thes. 5:11** Encourage one-another with the truths in verses 9-10.
- Ps. 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Points to take away:

1. Avoid the curiosity for times and dates; Always be alert for Christ's coming, but focus on living for Christ and sharing the good news of Christ.
2. Know your identity in Christ that you can affirm in yourself and others: Redeemed, Justified, Forgiven, Adopted and loved by Christ.
3. Encourage one-another with the truth and promises of Scripture.