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The Day of the Lord 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Central Passages

1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 (ESV) — *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.*

Central Thought: The Day of the Lord – of Jesus Christ – is a day of great joy for those who have placed their trust in him and, in hope of his return, are living for His glory and the good of their neighbors, but a day of terrible judgment for all those who ignore him, oppose him and oppress others.

The Day of the Lord...

- ❖ Is an actual day in the future when Jesus will return for all those who have believed in him – both the living and the dead. (4:13-18)

John 14:1–3 (ESV) — *1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

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- ❖ Is a day of salvation and judgment that is unknowable, unexpected and inescapable. (5:1-3)

Matthew 24:26–27 (ESV) — *26 So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (See also all of Mt. 24)*

- ❖ Is a day for which we can prepare. (5:4-8)

Matthew 24:42–44 (ESV) — *42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

- By looking to Jesus in faith.
- By living in Christ-like love.
- By placing our hope in God’s love for us.

A Final Word...

Luke 3:8–14 (ESV) — *8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance... 9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” 10 And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” 11 And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” 13 And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” 14 Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”*

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