

The Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Day of the Lord is a time of _____
when . . .

- God's _____ falls on the _____
- God's _____ comes to those who _____.

The *Ultimate* Day of the Lord -
covers all the events of the _____
from the _____ to the Final _____.

That future time . . .

- will begin _____ and _____.
"For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night." (v. 2)
- will _____ the world's false sense of _____.
"When they say, 'Peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them..." (v. 3a)
- will be _____
once it begins.
*"...like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape."
(v. 3b)*



How Should Christians Respond?

1) Don't be _____ -- you _____ to the _____!

"But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the dark, for this day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness." (vv. 4-5)

"He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves." (Col. 1:13)

2) _____ -- and _____ like you belong to the Lord!

"So then, let us not sleep, like the rest, but let us stay awake and be self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled and put on the armor of faith and love, and a helmet of the hope of salvation." (vv. 6-8)

"So now, little children, remain in him so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming."

(1 John 2:28)

"Blessed will be those servants the master finds alert when he comes."

(Luke 12:37a)

3) Keep remembering _____ for you!

"For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him." (v. 9-10)

Romans 13:11-14

3) _____ and _____ each other until then!

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing." (v. 11)

"And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:24-25)