

## **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

### **The Day of the Lord**

#### **NO NEED TO WORRY**

- Paul follows the call to comfort with the call not to worry about that day
- The church did not grasp their influence is not critical to the event, needless to inquire
- There is a contrast in thought but still this text is connected to ch. 4
- Times means length or chronological event, duration
- Epochs or season means the quality, significant events, pregnant pains
- They were focused on things they couldn't influence or do anything about
- What they currently knew was enough to not worry & comfort one another
- The church accurately, precisely well knew the Lord would be like a thief at night
- This same reference is also in Acts 1:7
- Thief is imagery he will use to help the church understand what they can do
- Much like O.T. false prophets speaking peace and safety, it will also come to them
- Then labor pains will suddenly come and they all will face destruction, 2 Peter 3:10
- The rapture and Day of the Lord are differing likely based on which side you fall

#### **BROTHERS & NONBROTHERS**

- Nonbrothers are described as in darkness, brothers are in the light
- This earthly wrath or destruction does not pertain to believers
- Destruction here is hopeless ruin, everything worthwhile is lost
- The reason not to worry is that they would not be overtaken by that Day
- They were children of the light or day, not night or darkness
- For brothers this a happy day, welcoming event, friends of that day
- For nonbrothers it's a day of despair and destruction
- The call to be alert and sober, ready, awake watchful vigilant is a Christian attribute
- Verse 7 is a general point or general truth
- Watchfulness and sobriety are great partners, you won't be watchful if drunk

#### **DON'T WORRY, GET TO WORK**

- Since we are of the day/light, don't be careless, idle or spiritual sloth
- Having put on the helmet/breastplate - head/heart for faith, hope and love
- A need to arm ourselves against evil days, God has a plan
- Christ's atonement and God's appointment
- There will be labor pains along the way we have proper Christian anticipation
- A lifestyle free from spiritual and moral laziness, self-control
- Balance of future expectations/anticipation with present obligations
- Encourage/comfort and edify/build up one another
- Look for each other not looking in the clouds