

# I Thessalonians 5:1-11

## Lesson 12

Paul's purpose in this passage is primarily \_\_\_\_\_ (vs4-11)  
not \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, our goal today will be to answer two questions:

1. What is the Day of the Lord? **Vs. 1-3**
2. What were the Thess to do about it? **Vs4-11**

Whereas **4:13-18** addressed the \_\_\_\_\_, **5:1-11** addresses the \_\_\_\_\_.

The fact that Paul speaks to the epochs and times informs us what the Thess had further questions about - the \_\_\_\_\_ of end times events.

**Matt. 24:3** "As He was sitting on the Mt. of Olives, the disciples came to Him saying, 'Tell us WHEN these things happen and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?'

**Matt. 24:36** "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah..."

**Acts 1:6** "Lord is it at this TIME you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

God has revealed just what He wants us to know. If we knew the exact date and it was far off, we may be \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. If we knew how soon, we may \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

The Thessalonians do not need new instruction like they did in **4:13-18**, they need reminding of what they \_\_\_\_\_ know!

### 1. What is the DOL?

- a. "God's cataclysmic future judgement on the wicked." JMA
- b. "His Day when He will display His character and work in judging the wicked and vindicating His justice." Heibert
- c. The day when "God will intervene in history to vindicate His chosen people, destroy His enemies and establish His Kingdom." Neill
- d. DOL is an \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_. (See last week's charts).
- e. DOL is both \_\_\_\_\_ (**Joel 1:15, 2:1,11**) and \_\_\_\_\_ (**Joel 3:1-14**)
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ in OT (**Isa. 2:12, 13:6,9; Eze. 13:5, 30:3, Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14, Amos 5:18/2x, 20; Obad. 15, Zeph. 1:7, 14/2x; Zech. 14:1; Mal. 4:5**)
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ in NT (**Acts 2:20, 2 Thess. 2:2; 3 Pet. 3:10**), alluded to in (**Rev. 6:17, 16:14**)
- h. 3x called the Day of \_\_\_\_\_ (**Isa. 34:8, 61:2, 63:4**)
- i. Different from the Day of \_\_\_\_\_, Day of the Lord Jesus Christ, Day of Christ Jesus. All of these refer to the day when believers are \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ. (**Rom. 14:10; I Cor. 3:11-14, 4:1-5, 2 Cor. 5:9-10**)
- j. Different from \_\_\_\_\_ which refers to the eternal state (**2 Pet. 3:12**)

- k. Unlike the rapture, which can happen at any time, the DOL will be preceded by \_\_\_\_\_. (**2 Thess. 2:3-4**)
- l. Characterized by its suddenness, cosmic upheaval and \_\_\_\_\_.

Two helpful similes explain the DOL as it comes to those unbelievers under its judgement and destruction.

**2. What are the Thess to do about the DOL? (vs4-8) Vs9-11 & 2 Pet. 3:11-12a** “Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming Day of God..”

To help us grasp our duty/right response to the coming judgment of the DOL, Paul gives us the beautiful comparison of Light, Darkness & Day and Night. Just as Paul did on 4:4-5, we see, again, a compare/contrast with believers and unbelievers. This comparison reveals the nature/realm and the moral activities of both.

**Vs4-** emphatic \_\_\_\_\_ are not in darkness (negative).

**Eph 5:8 “for you were formerly darkness but now you are Light”**

**The preparedness, alertness and sobriety addressed here is \_\_\_\_\_!**  
**Vs8-**

***Breastplate of faith and love***

***As a helmet, the hope of salvation***

- **3:12 “increase and abound in love for one another and for all people..SO THAT he may establish your hearts without blame, in holiness at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.”**

**Build one another up in what and how?**