

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Let the day of the Lord not overtake you like a thief.

1 Concerning times and seasons, brothers, you have no need for anything to be written to you.

2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

3 When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief.

5 For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness.

6 Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Not too long ago Harold Camping predicted the end of the world and the second coming of Christ on May 21, 2011.

His prediction was just as flawed as the many rapture predictions that preceded his.

The Thessalonians just like present day Christians must have been worrying that they would not be prepared for the “Day of the Lord.”

As my father used to say, “Danny don’t worry about the end of the world, just live life as though it is your last day on earth and one day you will be right but you will also be ready for the trip.”

That is the same message Paul is providing to the Thessalonians.

The phrase “Day of the Lord,” is Paul’s way of referring to the time when Jesus will come to punish the disobedient and reward the faithful.

But no one knows when that day will come, not even the Son.

Mt. 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only (cf. Mk. 13:32).

As you can see Jesus told us that trying to come up with a date or time is impossible.

Paul’s message to the Thessalonians isn’t about the identification of the day but about preparedness.

Paul is simply restating what Jesus said in Mt. 24:42 and following Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

43 But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched 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.

The Day of the Lord

Therefore, we should
live each day as if it
were our last and in
preparation to
welcome Christ.

Are you ready to meet
Him today?

