

COMFORT AND CHALLENGE IN LIGHT OF “THE DAY OF THE LORD” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) pt.2

E. Exhortations concerning THE DAY OF THE LORD (5:1-11)

1. The CONTRASTS to Note (5:1-11 from 4:13-18)

2. The INSTRUCTION to Consider (5:1-3)

a. The **instruction** here is regarding the _____ and the _____ concerning _____.

- What does this phrase “times and seasons” mean?
 - It was a well-known description of the _____ and future periods of eschatological _____ based on _____ determination called here - **the Day of the Lord!**

* **The Day of the Lord is a future period of time when God will _____ in the affairs of men in _____ (tribulation) and _____ (millennium): Generally, this will last _____ years, but specifically speaks of a time when Christ Himself will return in _____ to establishes His _____ rule over the universe.**

b. Their **previous instruction** caused the Thessalonians to know that *the Day of the Lord*...

- 1) was coming in the _____
- 2) that the Day of the Lord was coming _____
- 3) that the Day of the Lord was coming when the world would be announcing... _____ and _____.” (5:3a)
- 4) that the Day of the Lord would bring _____ upon the unsaved of this world.
- 5) that the Day of the Lord will come, and they shall _____ God’s _____ on this Christ rejecting world. (5:3d)

Cf 2 Thess. 1:2-12

3. Some REALITIES to remember (5:4-5)

a. There was the reality that the believer is not positioned in spiritual _____
“*but you brethren, are not in darkness...*”

- What does “darkness” stand for in scripture?

b. There was the reality that all believers are _____ of the _____ and of the _____. (5:5)

* What does the term “all” in verse 5 indicate?

4. Some METAPHORS to understand (5:6-8)

a. Negatively, as believers, “let us not _____ as do others”(5:6a)

What does that mean? “sleep” (*katheudo*) =

- In chapter 5, the word *katheudo*, refers to spiritual _____ and applies to the unbeliever by his position (he _____ care), or to a carnal believer as to his mind set (he _____ care).

b. Positively, as believers, Paul says, “let us _____ and be _____.” (5:6b)

* How does the unbelieving world live? 5:7

* How can watchfulness and soberness be realized in your life? (5:8)

What are those grace provisions?

c. “Let us who are of the day be sober _____ God’s grace provision.

What two are mentioned here?

1) the _____

2) the _____

3) Note the three Christian virtues connected with the breastplate and the helmet:

4. The PURPOSES for you to EMBRACE (5:9-11)