

“The Day of the Lord”

Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

BIG IDEA: Understand the times and seasons of Christ’s return.

*“For you yourselves know very well that
the day of the Lord will come...”
1 Thessalonians 5:2 (CSB)*

The Day of the Lord & the Unbeliever. (v1-3)

- **The Day of the Lord is Solemn.**
- **The Day of the Lord is Secret.**
- **The Day of the Lord is Surprising.**
- **The Day of the Lord is Sudden.**
- **The Day of the Lord is Severe.**
- **The Day of the Lord is Strenuous.**
- **The Day of the Lord is Sure.**

The Day of the Lord & the Believer. (v4-11)

- **The Position of the Children of Light.**
- **The Preparation of the Children of Light.**
- **The Protection of the Children of Light.**

- **The Provision of the Children of Light.**

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READ: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

THINK: Contemplate Paul’s instruction about The Day of the Lord, then ask yourself these questions: *How would the Thessalonians have felt if they had remained uninformed about the believers’ Resurrection and Christ’s return? How would this instruction be an encouragement to these young believers? Do you think Paul’s words about Christ coming as a “thief in the night” (at an unknown time) calm, or stir up their fear? How does Paul’s analogy of “night and day” speak to this fear? How do FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE sum up what it means to “belong to the day” (v8, see also 1:3)? Does the reality of Christ’s return encourage or threaten you? How so? How does this passage of Scripture help you as you consider your own death?*

DO: Of all the places you live (at home, work, school, church) identify where you need more FAITH, more LOVE and more HOPE. How can other brothers and sisters help you “put on” these qualities?