

NOTHING TO FEAR IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 - MARCH 10, 2024

Introduction: anxiety or apathy?

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹ *Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.*

² *For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

³ *While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*

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

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

⁶ *So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.*

⁷ *For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.*

⁸ *But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

⁹ *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

¹⁰ *who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.*

¹¹ *Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

Affirmation

Encouragement

2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 5:8; Matt. 5:16

Exhortation

Continuing spiritual alertness, including prayer
1 Pet. 1:13, 4:7, 5:8

Continuing spiritual growth, including repentance
1 Pet. 1:14-15, Heb. 12:1-2, Rom. 13:11-14, 1 Cor. 15:34

Committed involvement in God's purposes
Luke 12:42-43

Encouragement