

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Text for Reading & Discussion: 1 Thes. 5:1-11; 2 Pet. 3:10-13

Memory/Meditation Verse:

1 Thes. 5:1-2 – *“But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.”*

Questions to consider in your study:

1. How is the phrase “the day of the Lord” used in the Old Testament? How is it used here? (v. 1)
2. Why is the Lord’s return likened to the coming of a thief? What other figure is used to describe this time? (vv. 2-3)
3. There have been various individuals who have predicted the return of the Lord through the years only to have the time pass without incident. Why do you think some want to predict it? What do they have to gain? How does this passage refute such attempts?
4. Contrast the spiritual significance of light and darkness. Note too how the image of a thief ties back in. What is the basic point Paul is making to the Thessalonians?

