

God's Call to Diligence

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Introduction:

1. The _____ and the day of the Lord (5:1-3).

The Day of the Lord

- The day of the Lord is mentioned frequently in the OT (Isa 2:12, 13:6, 13:9; Jer 25:33; Ezek 7:10, 13:5, 30:3; Joel 1:15, 2:1, 2:11, 4:14; Amos 5:18 [2x], 5:20; Obad 1:15; Zeph 1:7, 1:14 [2x]; Mal 4:5).
- The day of the Lord is used in the NT as well (Acts 2:20; 1Cor 1:8, 5:5; 2 Cor 1:14; 1 Thess 5:2; 2 Thess 2:2; 2 Pet 3:10).
- The day of the Lord was used in the OT to describe _____ (see Isa 13:9-11 and Zeph 1:14-16).
- The day of the Lord sometimes describes periods of judgment which have already occurred, but it frequently speaks of _____.
- While the word “day” can be used to refer to one event, it can also be used of a period of time—an _____.

- a. It is unexpected (2-3a). *For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman.*

3 pictures of suddenness

- b. It is inescapable (3b). *And they will not escape.*

2. The _____ and the day of the Lord (5:4-11).

- a. It will not _____ believers (4-8).

- b. This doctrine should provide _____ and _____ for believers (9-11).