

Series: Blameless

Title: The Lord's Return & Believer's Behavior

Text: (1 Thes 5:1-11)

I. The Lord's Return is Imminent: (1 Thess 5:1-3)

A. Two wrong attitudes about our Lord's return.

- 1.) Feverish Expectation.
- 2.) Cold Indifference and Careless Neglect.

B. Two right attitudes about our Lord's return.

- 1.) Wait patiently and work hard in the meantime.
- 2.) Watchful and calm are the bywords.

C. What about the Signs of the Times? (Matt 24:3)

The Rapture & the Revelation: (Rev 19:11-16)

The 2nd Phase of Christ's Return. (Jude 1:14-15)

D. The Church looks for a Person, not times & seasons

(Lk 21:7-11) (Matt 12:39)(Lk 21:12-15)(Matt 24:8)

**II. Believers are looking for Him, Waiting for Him
& Praying for His soon return (Vs 2)**

- A. They knew it was inevitable. Christ will return.
- B. They knew quite well it was not predictable.
- C. Lost people mock this: (2 Pet 3:3-10)

**III. The Day of the Lord will come when Unbeliever's feel
a great sense of Security: (Vs 3)**

(1) Imagined peace.

(Luke 17:26-30) Days of Noah & Lot (Oblivious)

(Jer 6:14) *saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.*

(2) Destruction in terms of separation from God.

- (a) Utter and Hopeless Ruin.
- (b) Loss of all that gives worth to existence.
- (c) Loss of fellowship with God.

**(3) Men will be following their usual course of life
when the dreadful event will overwhelm them.**

**IV. The Day of the Lord will be a Day of Catastrophic
destruction: (Vs 3b)**

A. Suddenly & Unexpectedly. (Is 13:6-8)

B. No Escape from it: (Vs 3c)(Matt 23:33)(Heb 11:5)

C. It is Gods Mercy that is withholding this day:
(2 Pet 3:9)(Phil 1:20-21)

V. The Believer's Behavior in this Sinful World: (Vs 4-11)

A. Not to be overtaken by the Lord's Return: (Vs 4-5)

1. Believer is not in darkness of Ignorance.
2. Believer is a child of light. (1 Jn 1:5)
I will draw all men. (Jn 6:44) (Jn 12:32)
3. Believer is a child of the Day: (1 Thes 5:5)
(Matt 5:14) (Judges 5:31)

B. Not to be Spiritually Asleep or Unwatchful: (Vs 6-7)

- A. Some do sleep.
- B. Some are identified with the night & evil behavior.
(1 Jn 2:9-11)(Matt 25:13)

C. Be Sober & Protect Himself: (Vs 8-10)

(1 Thes 1:10) delivered from the wrath to come.

D. The Believer is to Minister: (Vs 11)