

“THE INEVITABLE DAY OF THE LORD”

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-3)

I. PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL EXPLANATIONS (1:2-3:13)

II. PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS. (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations about GENERAL CONDUCT. (4:1-2)

B. Exhortations about SEXUAL PURITY. (4:3-8)

C. Exhortations about BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)

D. Exhortations about the BLESSED HOPE. (4:13-18)

E. Exhortations In View of the DAY OF THE LORD. (5:1-11)

1. An INTRODUCTION to the DAY OF THE LORD.

- a. The *recipients* of these exhortations continue to be the believers in Christ at Thessalonica which are called _____.

* Why is this important to note?

- b. The *introduction* of a new but related subject in this passage is indicated by the Greek phrase “*peri de*” which is translated _____.

- c. The *topic* being discussed in these verses is the church-age believer’s relationship to the _____.

- d. The *primary purpose* of this passage is not to inform, but to _____ believers to holy living in view of the Day of the Lord. (5:6-11)

* What metaphors does Paul contrast to emphasize this?

2. Their KNOWLEDGE of the DAY OF THE LORD. (5:1-3)

- a. Their *prior knowledge* regarding the _____ and the _____ removed the need to give to them a detailed explanation regarding the Day of the Lord.

* What can you learn from this?

b. Their *previous instruction* caused them to have known _____ that the Day of the Lord...

1) was _____ in the future... "*that the day of the Lord so comes.*"

2) was coming _____... "*as a thief in the night.*"

3) was coming when the world would be announcing... "*_____ and _____.*"

4) would bring _____ upon the unsaved of this world... "*then sudden destruction comes upon them.*"

* What is this likened to? Why?

5) will come and the unsaved "*_____*" God's judgment on planet earth.

* Is this certain?

* What does this imply?

* How does this apply to you?