

“The Sudden Day of the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 5:1–11)

Big Idea: The Lord’s arrival will catch those in darkness unprepared.

- I. That day will be sudden destruction for the world. (verses 1–3)

“The times and the seasons”: Acts 1:6–7; Matthew 24:36–44

2 Thessalonians 2:1–2; Revelation 16:13–16

What is the “sudden destruction”?

2 Thessalonians 1:6–10; 2 Peter 3:3–10

- II. That day will not be so for those who are *part* of the day. (verses 4–5)

“Interestingly, at the metaphorical level, throughout I Thessalonians 5:2–8, Paul takes ‘day’, from the expression ‘day of the Lord’, and uses it to denote a contrast between day and night, light and dark, being awake or asleep. Those for whom the ‘day of the Lord’ is viewed positively are associated with the attributes expected of ‘day’ and of ‘light.’” – Robert J. Cara, *A Study Commentary on 1 & 2 Thessalonians*, p. 129–130

Malachi 3:16–4:3

- III. Their behavior should agree with the light of that day. (verses 6–8)

John 3:19–20; Ephesians 5:5–14; Romans 13:11–14; Ephesians 6:12–18a; Isaiah 59:15–20

- IV. Their destiny on that day is life, not wrath. (verses 9–11)

Romans 5:9–10; Matthew 25:31–34, 41, 46