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The Day of the Lord 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

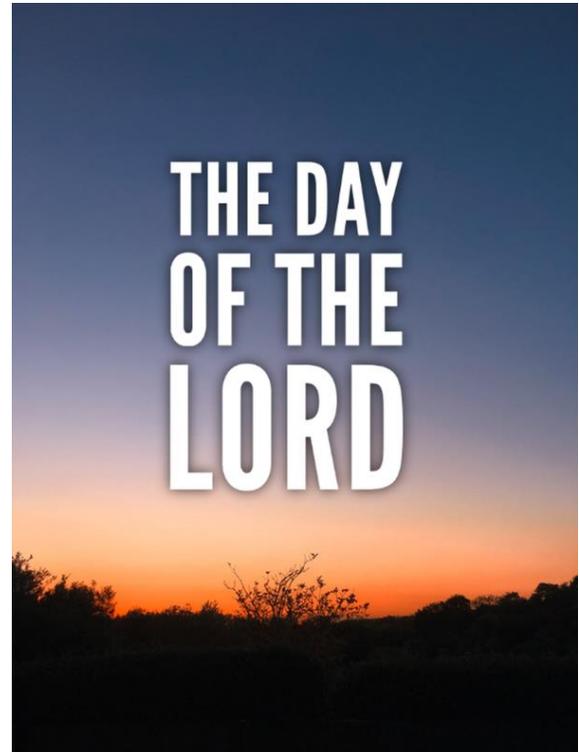
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In the last Chapter of 1 Thessalonians Paul talks about the return of Christ. The first and most important aspect is that Christ will one day return. We don't know when He will return but we know that it will happen. Here Paul gives a little insight to what it will be like and how we should act. Join us this week as we look at the Day of the Lord and all that might be involved around it.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11



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The Day of the Lord

5 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. **2** For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. **3** While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; **5** for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; **6** so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. **7** For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why do they have no need to be written to about the time of the Lord's coming?

9. How does this describe the coming of the Lord?

10. How should we be prepared for the day of the Lord?

11. What do the breastplate and helmet signify?

12. What has God destined us for? Explain.

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. How do you think we are to encourage one another?

14. What do we know about the coming of the Lord? Support your answer with scripture.

15. How does knowing that the Lord is coming and not knowing when affect our lives?

16. Do you long for the day of the Lord? Should we? Explain.

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes