

THE DAY OF THE LORD

1Thess.5:1-11

Intro – In our text today Paul is speaking of the Rapture. The believers know what to expect. Every book in the NT except Philemon refers to the Rapture in some way.

I. They know how the Rapture will come. (1-3)

- A. Like a thief – unexpected. Matt. 24:42-44
- B. Like lighting – Mt.24:27
- C. In the middle of false teaching.
 - 1. False peace. Jer.6:14
 - 2. False security. Jer.17:5, Ps.52:7, Prov.28:26

II. They are enlightened on future events. (4-8)

- A. Because they have accepted Jesus. 1Jn.5:12, Jn.1:4, 1Jn.2:8, Rom.13:12
- B. Because He has promised to return. Acts. 1:11, Jn.14:3
- C. They know they need to stay alert and labor for the Lord. 1Tim.4:10, 1Cor.15:58

III. They know why the Rapture happens. (9-11)

- A. Jesus has promised to rescue us. 1Thess.1:10, Rev.3:10
- B. Because those who rejected Jesus will be punished. 2Thess.2:10-12, Rev.6:16-17

Con. Jesus can come at any moment. Are you ready?