

**COMFORT AND CHALLENGE CONCERNING “THE DAY OF THE LORD”
(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

- I. HIS PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL HISTORY WITH THE CHURCH (1:2-3:13)**
- II. HIS PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH (4:1-5:24)**
 - A. Exhortations concerning general conduct if we want to PLEASE God. (4:1-2)**
 - B. Exhortations concerning SEXUAL PURITY or holiness. (4:3-8)**
 - C. Exhortations concerning BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)**
 - D. Exhortations concerning THE BLESSED HOPE of the Church. (4:13-18)**
 - E. Exhortations concerning THE DAY OF THE LORD (5:1-11)**

1. The **CONTRASTS** to Note (5:1-11 from 4:13-18)

- a. The **over-all contrast** is set forth by the opening phrase “_____.” It is the Greek phrase “peri de,”

*What does this indicate?

- b. **Contrast # 1:** There is the difference between their _____ concerning the Day of the Lord, and their _____ concerning those who had fallen asleep in Jesus.

- c. **Contrast # 2:** The _____ discussed

- d. **Contrast # 3:** The contrast in _____ groups.

* The _____ are referred to with the pronouns “we, you, & us”, while the _____ are referred to as “they & them.”

* Why is this important?

2. The **INSTRUCTION** to Consider (5:1-3)

- a. The **recipients** of these exhortations continue to be the _____ as stated in 5:1.

- b. The **instruction** here is regarding the _____ and the _____ concerning _____.

* What does this phrase “*times and seasons*” mean?

- What does this teach us?

* **The Day of the Lord** is a future period of time when God will _____ in the affairs of men in _____ and _____: Generally this will last _____ years, but specifically speaks of a time when Christ returns in _____ to establishes His _____ rule _____ the universe.

3. Their **previous instruction** caused the Thessalonians to know perfectly that the Day of the Lord...

- a. was coming in the _____... “*that the day of the Lord so comes...*” (5:2b)
- b. was coming _____.... “*as a thief in the night.*”(5:2c)
- c. would come when the world would be announcing... “_____ *and* _____.” (5:3a)
- d. would bring _____ upon the unsaved of this world.... “*Then sudden destruction comes upon them.*” (5:3b)

* What does this word “destruction” mean?

- e. would come “*as _____ come upon a pregnant woman.*” (5:3c)

* What did this analogy portray?

- f. will come and “_____” God’s coming judgment on this Christ rejecting world. (5:3d)

* What does all this mean to you?