

The Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Main Point:

Knowing that Jesus is coming again for your salvation, prepare yourself accordingly and look forward to it.

1. We don't know when, but Jesus will come again for judgment.

2. As Christians, however, we don't need to be afraid of that Day.

3. Instead, we should prepare ourselves accordingly and look forward to it.

Cross-References and Quotations

Matthew 24:36 ³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. (NKJV)

Matthew 24:38-39 ³⁸ "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (NKJV)

Richard Phillips "Just as worldly preoccupation keeps so many men and women from thinking about God and eternity now, the same attitude will expose the ungodly to destruction on the day of the Lord when it suddenly comes, completely unforeseen, like a thief in the night."

Isaiah 13:6 ⁶ Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 4:6 ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (NKJV)

Andrew Young "Christians know the Lord is coming, and though he appears suddenly at a time when they are not anticipating him, his coming will not be a total surprise to them."

Romans 3:24-26 ²⁴ ... [We are] justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith ... ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (NKJV)

James Grant, Jr. "We must not ignore the coming of Jesus. We dare not pretend that it will never happen. Instead we must live ... with the knowledge that Jesus is coming."

Luke 21:34 ³⁴ "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. (NKJV)

Daniel Hyde "You don't need to be speculative ... you need to be expectant."