

SHARPENING YOUR SWORD
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 — AN INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY
Session 10 Homework — Mar 30, 2022

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6-11 THE DAY OF THE LORD (PART TWO)

1 Review the theme and key verses of 1 Thessalonians along with the summary and objectives for chapter 5:

Holiness in view of the coming of Christ

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints” (1 Th 3:12-13).

Continuing his apostolic instructions, Paul knows he does not need to write the Thessalonians concerning the timing of the Lord’s coming, for they had been taught already that He will come as a thief in the night and sudden destruction catching many people unexpectedly (vv 1-3). Such should not be the case for Christians, however, for they are children of light and children of the day. Therefore they should be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation (vv 4-8). Knowing that God has appointed them to obtain salvation through Jesus Christ, they know that whether dead or alive they will live with Christ. Being given such hope, they should encourage and edify one another (vv 9-11).

Our objective for this passage is to understand the unexpected nature of the coming of the Lord (vv 1-5) and how we should prepare for that event (vv 6-11).

2 Read 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 daily to prepare for your study.

3 What is our responsibility as “children of light” and “children of the day” from verse 6?

4 Define the following words from verse 6:

> awake (or alert, watch) Strong’s #1127 (Gk gregoreo):

> sober (or self-controlled) Strong’s #3525 (Gk nepho):

5 Learn more about our responsibility to keep awake from the following verses:

> Matthew 26:40-42

> 1 Corinthians 16:13

> Revelation 3:2-3

6 Learn more about our responsibility to be sober from the following verses:

> 1 Thessalonians 5:8

> 2 Timothy 4:5

> 1 Peter 1:13; 4:7; 5:8

7 In verse 8, since believers “belong to the day,” how should we respond to that truth and what are we to put on?

8 In verses 9 and 10, to what has God appointed us?

To what has He not appointed us?

And what reason does the Apostle give as the reason Christ died for us?

See also Galatians 1:4; 1 Pet 3:18; 1 John 4:10; and 1 Thessalonians 5:10.

> Galatians 1:4

> 1 Peter 3:18

> 1 John 4:10

> 1 Thessalonians 5:10

9 In answering the above questions, consider: How does Christ's death and our salvation exempt us from the wrath to come?

What are you trusting in for your salvation?

Do you have assurance that you are not destined for wrath?

10 What is our responsibility to one another in view of such things?

From this instruction we can see that the relationships of believers have a purpose. How can you improve your relationships in the Lord so that you truly do build up other believers?
See Romans 14:19ff; Ephesians 4:12-13, 29; Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25.