

VI . PAUL'S ENCOURAGEMENTS TO THE THESSALONIANS CONTINUED.

B. Was some reassurance concerning the Day of the Lord

(5:1-11)

1. He reminded them of how it would come about(1-3)
 - a. He didn't need to write unto them concerning when it would happen - this is something they already knew. It would come as a thief in the night. In other words when people are asleep and not expecting anyone.
 - b. The Day of the Lord would come when the world proclaims peace and safety and it would mean sudden destruction (3). This correlates with Dan. 9:27 and II Thess. 2:3,4 when Antichrist will confirm a covenant of peace.
2. He pointed out why that day wouldn't overtake them(4-5)
 - a. The Thessalonian believers were not in darkness. In other words they had spiritual understanding and could see what would lead up to this day (4).
 - b. The Thessalonians were children or sons of light. They were not children of darkness - living in sin and characterized by the blindness of sin. They were characterized by discernment and an ability to see (5). Note Eph. 4:17-19;5:8).
 - c. The reason the Day of the Lord will overtake the world is because they have no light or discernment about spiritual things.
3. He told them what to do until that day came (6-8)
 - a. They were not to sleep as others do but be sober-minded and watch (6). The world is asleep when it comes to the Day of the Lord. It is not watching for Him.
 - b. The people that sleep and sin are doing it in the night or in the darkness- that is because they can't see (7).
- c. But those that are of the day, who can see spiritually, should be sober or alert. They should also put on the breastplate of faith and love and a

helmet of the hope of salvation (8). Note these are pieces of armament to protect them while they await that day.

4. He showed them why they wouldn't suffer the wrath of that Day (9-11).
 - a. They were not "**appointed**" to wrath but to obtain salvation in Christ (9).
 - b. Notice whether believers are awake or sleep they are appointed to live together with Him (10).
 - c. This was something they could comfort and edify one another with (11).