

***STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 THESSALONIANS***  
***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

**Lesson 7 - The Coming of the Lord (continued) - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1TH 5:1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1TH 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5] You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6] So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10] He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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61. When will the Lord return? (5:1-2)
62. How will the Lord return? (5:1-3)
63. What contrast is there between believers and non-believers? (5:4-8)
64. What should we do to get ready for the Lord's return? (5:6-8)
65. What roles should faith, hope, and love play in our lives? (5:8)
66. To what does God appoint believers? (5:9-10)
67. For what reason can we be assured of our salvation? (5:9-10)
68. How should a believer use this information to help others? (5:11)

## **Lesson 8 - Final Instructions - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

1TH 5:12 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. [13] Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. [14] And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. [15] Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

1TH 5:16 Be joyful always; [17] pray continually; [18] give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1TH 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire; [20] do not treat prophecies with contempt. [21] Test everything. Hold on to the good. [22] Avoid every kind of evil.

1TH 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [24] The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

1TH 5:25 Brothers, pray for us. [26] Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. [27] I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

1TH 5:28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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69. How does God want us to regard church elders? (5:12-13)
70. How does God want us to treat each other? (5:13-15)
71. What attitudes represent God's will for us? (5:16-18)
72. How should we pray? (5:17)
73. When should we give thanks? (5:18)
74. What is God's will for us? (5:16-18)
75. How should we show respect for the Holy Spirit's presence in us? (5:19-22)
76. What does God want to happen inside us? (5:23)
77. For what reason can we depend on God? (5:24)

78. What kind of affection did Paul have for the Thessalonian Christians? (5:26)
79. Who was to hear the contents of this letter? (5:27)

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