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I Thessalonians 5:1-11
The Day Of The Lord

Principles And Practical Application

Paul has just dealt with the confusion the Thessalonians had with the Rapture. Now he will deal with the confusion they have about the Lord's end time plan He has named, The Day Of The Lord. This doctrine is designed to bring comfort to God's people.

Every generation has been put on notice about His return by Jesus Himself. Since the Lord's people expect/anticipate His return, they should live in the manner of a people prepared for it.

V 3, Through the outpouring of God's wrath on the earth the Tribulation will be underway. Destruction will come suddenly. The onset of labor pains is a good illustration of how this will go down. The signs of its coming are discernible yet its arrival is unpredictable.

Peace and safety, **v 3**, does not predict a time of this sort as much as a prediction of attitude. This will be the thought of arrogant or self-deceived people. They are likened to the priests and prophets of Jeremiah's day, he gave warning, they preached peace. In just a short period of time Babylon destroyed the city, see **Jeremiah 6:14-15**. Humanity is divided into two distinct camps, those destined for salvation and those destined for wrath. Gleaned from *Michael Martin*

Hindus think life is just a big circle of events with no meaning or end goal but to go around the circle again.

Atheist agree that life is linear, things are evolving but to no known end, now is all you have, so go for it.

God says differently, time is linear and will come to an abrupt ending. An important part of this ending God Himself has labeled, The Day Of The Lord. Gleaned from *John MacArthur*

Application:

The doctrine of The Day Of The Lord is applied to Paul's readers, this includes you and me! The saints will not know when but they will be aware of this coming reality. They/we, will not be in the dark on this one. Believers who study the word are informed and prepared. Christians will not be surprised by the dawning of this Day Of The Lord. "The final outcome of the day of the Lord will be that 'the arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day' (**Isaiah 2:17**). The ultimate or final fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the day of the Lord will come at the end of history when God, with wondrous power, will punish evil and fulfill all His promises." *Amir Tsarfati* Oh what a glorious day, come Lord Jesus! Build up one another with these words!