

Turning the World Upside Down

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

I. “You are All Sons of Light and Sons of Day,” (Chapter 5:1-11)

A. The Timing of Our Lord’s Return, (vs. 1-3)

1. (v. 1), “Now as to the times & epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.”

a. “Times” =

“Epochs” =

Matthew 24:37-39

Matthew 24:40-42

1 Thessalonians 4:17

b. “The day of the Lord” = An Old Testament phrase which has several meanings...

Zephaniah 1:14-15

Zephaniah 3:17

2. (v. 2), “You yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.”

a. Thieves do not advertise their coming. Nor does the Lord.

2 Peter 3:10

James 4:14

3. (v. 3), “While they are saying, ‘Peace! Safety!’ then destruction will come upon them suddenly....”

B. Sons of Light versus Sons of Darkness, (vs. 4-11)

1. (vs. 4-6), “*But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief....*”;

a. Paul continues to use physical terms to refer to spiritual realities

1 John 1:5-7

John 3:19-20 (9:5)

b. These Thessalonian Christians were walking in the light – “*...not of night or darkness.*”

1 Peter 5:8

2. (vs. 7-10), ⁷“*So then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober....*”

a. Jesus told a story using this same metaphor

Matthew 13:24-25

Acts 20:17, 29-31

b. ⁸“*But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love....*”

Hebrews 11:6

2 Corinthians 10:5

c. ⁹ “*For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord....*”

Romans 5:9

d. ¹⁰ “*...[our Lord Jesus Christ] who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may....*”

1 Thessalonians 5:6; 4:14, 5:10

CONCLUSIONS:

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Joel 3:14

2 Corinthians 6:2

Matthew 6:33

Mark 16:16