

Grace Bible Chapel
Sunday, May 23, 2010
Message #18 in 1 Thessalonians
The Day of the Lord
I Thessalonians 5:1-3

- I. Introduction
- II. Review and theme of 1 Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 4:1, 10, 18; 5:11, 14) (*parakaleo*)
- III. Paul's fourth exhortation – "encourage and build up one another"
 - A. Characteristics of the day of the Lord – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3
 - 1. The times and epochs – 1 Thessalonians 5:1; Acts 1:6-7; 3:19-21
(measure vs. moment, chronological vs. characteristic)
 - 2. A day of judgment – Isaiah 13:9-11
 - 3. Known as the time of Jacob's troubles – Jeremiah 30:4-11
 - a. Unique – Daniel 12:1; Joel 2:2; Matthew 24:21
 - a. Terrifying judgment – Zephaniah 1:14-18
 - b. Mighty deliverance
 - c. Self deception – Amos 5:18-20
 - d. Compared to giving birth – Isaiah 13:8; Micah 4:9-10; Matthew 24:8
 - 4. Unexpected and imminent – 1 Thessalonians 5:2; Joel 2:1-2
 - 5. A contrary beginning – 1 Thessalonians 5:3
 - 6. The participants – 1 Thessalonians 5:3-4
 - 7. The surprise – 1 Thessalonians 5:3 (cf. Acts 13:27)
 - 8. The certainty – 1 Thessalonians 5:3
- IV. Conclusions and implications
 - A. God's purpose and plan – Ephesians 1:10; Matthew 24:5-9 and Revelation 6:1-11;
Revelation 5; John 5:22-23
 - B. The certainty for men – 1 Thessalonians 5:3; John 11:25-26
 - C. The work of God – Romans 3:21-26; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21