

PAUL TO A "T"
1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-5:11

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.

Lesson 6 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 • October 26, 2011

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of I Thessalonians 4:1-12 was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2. What does "fallen asleep" mean in **V13-15**?
3. According to **V13**, what is the purpose of the rest of the chapter?
4. When have you experienced the death of a loved one? In your grief, share if you were able to taste of the hope that Paul described in **V13**.
5. Summarize the main points from **V14-17**.
6. **V15** describes the time when Jesus will return. What else do you learn about the "coming of the Lord?"
John 14:2-3 _____
Acts 1:9-11 _____
7. a) What is the command in **V18**?

7. b) How do “these words” encourage you?

c) How could you use “these words” to encourage others?

SECTION II: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-7

8. Why do you think the “Day of the Lord” is described as coming...

a) “like a thief in the night” (V2)?

b) “suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman” (V3)?

c) Do you think someone can predict the actual day/time of Jesus’ return? Why or why not?

9. According to **V4-5**, why should the readers respond differently?

10. What does the word “asleep” mean in **V6** this time?

11. Refer to **V7**. Describe in your own words what happens to those who “belong to the night.”

SECTION III: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

12. According to **V6** and **V8**, how are those who “belong to the day” to live?

13. Read 1 Peter 5:8. For what other reason does Scripture urge us to be self-controlled and alert?

14. Give examples of how the equipment described in **V8** can help you live differently...alert and self-controlled.

15. In **V10**, what do “awake” and “asleep” mean?

16. How does the message of **V9-10** encourage you?

17. Write a prayer of thanksgiving based on any of the verses in this Lesson.

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1. What does Scripture say about the “Day of the Lord?” Jot down key words/phrases that describe the positive and negative aspects of that Day:

Positive

Negative

- Ezekiel 30:3 _____
- Joel 2:31-32 _____
- Isaiah 13:9-13 _____
- Zephaniah 1:10-12, 18 _____
- Malachi 4:1-3 _____
- Matthew 24:42-51 _____
- 2 Peter 3:10-13 _____

2. This collection of verses together with the verses from this week’s Lesson might stir a variety of emotions in you. Comment on how you view the “Day of the Lord.”

