



1 Thessalonians 5:1-3
The Day of the Lord—Part 1
From Sermon 3.13.22

Read *1 Thessalonians 5:1-3*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Having taught on the future of the Church (those who die and those who remain), the Holy Spirit now has Paul focus on the world—the lost—the non-elect. It appears the Thessalonians feared they were living in the Day of the Lord—the Tribulation. Paul assures them: they were not. There will be no missing or mistaking Christ's return and His Judgment will be unlike anything the world has ever known.

1. Fill in the blanks to complete the End Times Timeline. Discuss any confusion you may have had.

Rapture—Tribulation—2nd Coming—1000-year Reign—New Heaven & New Earth

2. In Scripture, is the Day of the Lord a positive thing or negative thing for the world? It is negative. His mission and purpose will be nothing like His 1st Coming. The world will be looking for a savior—a hero with answers. They will embrace the Antichrist and his lies.

3. What was Jesus' character and mission in His 1st Coming? Various answers. But, include: Meek, silent, lamb, servant, Savior...

3a. What will be His character and mission at His 2nd Coming? Various answers. But, include: Glory, power, lion, wrath, executioner...

4. What word is now, for all practical purposes, forbidden/avoided in the church? Wrath.
Discuss.

5. Why does the Church not teach/preach this? A seeker-centered church. Itching ears. This doctrine is too harsh. No one wants to hear that. Everyone has had a tough week in the world. No one wants to hear more bad news at church. Accepted Lies: "That's Not my Jesus. That's the Old Testament God." "God the Father and God the Son have different natures...almost battling each other". See *2 Timothy 4:1-4* & *2 Thessalonians 1:6-9*, & *Colossians 3:4-6*

6. Review and Discuss: Just as there were various appearances of Christ in the Old Testament, so also was the small precursors and previews of the "day of the Lord".

- A Generation: The days of Noah and the flood of judgment on the entire earth
- A period or season: Judgment on Israel at various times, the 1st Coming of Christ, judgment on Israel's pagan neighbors. See also *Malachi 4:5* & *Matthew 17:11-13*
- A Day/Moment: One final event where Jesus returns. 1000 years later, all things are destroyed. See also *Zechariah 14:4-7* & *2 Peter 3:10*