
SERMON OUTLINE

Living Alertly

1 Thessalonians 5:1- 11

- I. Be spiritually alert, knowing God’s judgment of unbelievers is coming (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3).
 - A. Like a thief – We don’t know when, but we know the Day of the Lord begins without warning (5:1-2).
 - The “Day of the Lord” follows Jesus’ return in the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:11-18).
 - The “Day of the Lord” includes prophecies of the biblical tribulation and millennium.
 - B. Like labor pains – People will be seeking promises of safety when the day of the Lord begins (5:3).

- II. Be spiritually alert, focused on God’s purposes until Jesus returns (1 Thessalonians 5:4 – 11).
 - A. As believers, we as “sons of day” must live distinctly different than “sons of the night” (5:4 – 8).
 1. Alert and sober like soldiers – Spiritually aware and undistracted (4-7).
 2. Armored like soldiers – Spiritually prepared to accomplish God’s priorities (8).
 - Breastplate – Faith and Love
 - Helmet – The hope of salvation
 - B. As believers, we can live confident that we will be saved from this coming judgment (5:9-10).
 - C. As believers, we must focus on discipleship – encouraging one another and building each other up (5:11).