

THE DAY OF THE LORD  
I THESS. 5:1-4

Introduction:

- A. Paul has explained the relationship of the dead to the return of Jesus. v:13-17.
  
- B. The next obvious question:
  - 1. What are the signs?
  - 2. These people knew them.

I. THEY KNEW THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING.

- A. "Times and seasons." v1,2
  - 1. times = chronoi = duration of time.
  - 2. seasons = dairoi = characteristics of a time
  - 3. "eras and crises."
  
- B. These people knew these signs.
  - 1. v2 "You yourselves know perfectly."
  - 2. Mat. 24:3-31; 25:1-46.
  
- C. What are the signs they knew?
  - 1. Not all together Jewish instruction.
    - a. Thessalonians are Gentiles.
  - 2. v4-14 several.
  - 3. Abomination of Desolation.
    - a. Dan. 9:27.
    - b. We do not know what this act is. Probably idol worship.
  
- D. Interpretation of these signs. Matt. 24:32.

II. THE ATTITUDE OF THE WORLD.

A. Two words characterize:

1. peace = feeling of the individual, inward repose and security.
2. safety = unshaken, secure from enemies and danger. No outward evidence to dispute the feelings.
3. Days of Noah. Matt. 24:37-39.

III. THE SUDDENNESS OF THE COMING.

A. As lightning. Matt. 24:27.

B. As a thief.

1. v2 "as a thief in the night."
2. v42 "watch therefore; for you know not what hour the Lord doth come."

IV. THE CHRISTIAN MUST BE WATCHING.