

# **The Day of the Lord, Part 1**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Jesus warned His disciples five times in the Olivet Discourse to be ready because He could come at any moment.**

**Jesus taught His disciples to avoid falling into two opposite traps:**

1. The Parable of the Servants teaches us that some people will be UNPREPARED when Jesus comes. Matthew 24:45-51
2. The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins teaches us that ONLY PREPARED disciples will enter the wedding feast of the Kingdom. Matthew 25:1-13

**When the end times come, the expectant church will be fully prepared for the rapture but the unbelieving world will be completely unprepared. (vs. 5:1-5)**

**The “Day of the Lord” is not a literal 24 hour day but a period of time when God will move the affairs of world history to their final consummation.**

**The Day of the Lord spans a time that begins with the rapture of the church and ends at the beginning of eternity when God creates a new heaven and earth.**

**The expectant Church welcomes the Day of the Lord, the unbelieving world will dread it. (vs. 5:1-6)**

**The unbelieving and the unprepared world will dread the Day of the Lord.**