

1 Thessalonians

CHAPTER 5

- 1** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you.
- 2** For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
- 3** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
- 4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- 5** You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- 6** Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.
- 7** For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- 8** But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9** For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10** Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.
- 11** Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also you do.
- 12** And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- 13** And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.
- 14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble minded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.
- 15** See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
- 16** Rejoice evermore.
- 17** Pray without ceasing.
- 18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- 19** Quench not the Spirit.
- 20** Despise not prophesying.
- 21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- 22** Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- 23** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 24** Faithful *is* He that calls you, who also will do *it*.
- 25** Brethren, pray for us.
- 26** Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.
- 27** I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.
- 28** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.