**CHAPTER 5**

*The day of the Lord shall come, when least expected. Exhortations to several duties.*

**1** But of the times and moments, brethren, you need not, that we should write to you:

**2** For yourselves know perfectly, that the day of the Lord shall so come, as a thief in the night.

**3** For when they shall say, peace and security; then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as the pains upon her that is with child, and they shall not escape.

**4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you as a thief.

**5** For all you are the children of light, and children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

**6** Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do; but let us watch, and be sober.

**7** For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that are drunk, are drunk in the night.

**8** But let us, who are of the day, be sober, having on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

**9** For God hath not appointed us unto wrath, but unto the purchasing of salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

**10** Who died for us; that, whether we watch or sleep, we may live together with him.

**11** For which cause comfort one another; and edify one another, as you also do.

**12** And we beseech you, brethren, to know them who labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you:

**13** That you esteem them more abundantly in charity, for their work’s sake. Have peace with them.

**14** And we beseech you, brethren, rebuke the unquiet, comfort the feeble minded, support the weak, be patient towards all men.

**15** See that none render evil for evil to any man; but ever follow that which is good towards each other, and towards all men.

**16** Always rejoice.

**17** Pray without ceasing.

**18** In all things give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all.

**19** Extinguish not the spirit.

**20** Despise not prophecies.

**21** But prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

**22** From all appearance of evil refrain yourselves.

**23** And may the God of peace himself sanctify you in all things; that your whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**24** He is faithful who hath called you, who also will do it.

**25** Brethren, pray for us.

**26** Salute all the brethren with a holy kiss.

**27** I charge you by the Lord, that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.

**28** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.