

Studies in First Thessalonians

NT Survey Lesson 82--1 Thessalonians 5

Introduction: Paul's concern for the Thessalonians manifests itself in this chapter by a lengthy series of short exhortations that would encourage them to holiness and devotion to the Lord.

Lesson aim: To explore the particulars of faithfulness to the Lord.

Teaching in view of the day of the Lord--1 Thes. 5:1-11

1. How did Paul indicate the day of the Lord would come?
2. What would some be saying? (v.3) What would happen to them?
3. How did Paul describe the state of the Christian (v.4-5)? What should his conduct be in view of this?
4. Describe the two elements of the Christian's armor mentioned in this passage (v.8). What attitude should accompany them?
5. God has destined the Christian for what? (v.9) What hope does this give us? (v.10)
6. In view of the Lord's coming, how can we help one another? (v. 11)

Brief exhortations to faithfulness-- 1 Thes. 5:12-28

1. How should the Christian respond to those who have charge over them and give them instruction? (v.12-13)
2. What four groups are mentioned in v.14? What is the proper response to each?
3. What did Paul forbid the Thessalonians from doing in v.15? What is the alternative course?
4. What three things did he urge the Christians to do "always"? (v.16-18)

5. What would it mean to "quench the Spirit" and "despise prophetic utterances"? Did this mean the Thessalonians were to believe every so-called prophet? (v.21)
What instead should they do?
6. Discuss the meaning of v.22 in light of various translations of the text.
7. What prayer did Paul utter in behalf of the Thessalonians? What confidence did Paul have that the prayer would be answered? (v. 24)
8. What did Paul ask the Thessalonians to do for himself, Silas, and Timothy? To one another? (v. 26)
9. What did Paul urge the recipient of the letter to do? (v. 27)