

New Morning Magical – for 8-4-20

A thief in the night

Let's look at the last chapter of 1 Thessalonians:

Chapter 5

1 Now concerning the times and the eras, brethren, you have no need to be written to,
2 for you yourselves are accurately aware that the day of the Lord is as a thief in the night
-- thus is it coming!

3 Now whenever they may be saying "Peace and security," then extermination is standing
by them unawares, even as a pang over the pregnant, and they may by no means escape.

4 Now you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day may be overtaking you as a thief,
5 for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of the
darkness.

6 Consequently, then, we may not be drowsing, even as the rest, but we may be watching
and be sober.

7 For those who are drowsing are drowsing at night, and those who are drunk are drunk
at night.

8 Yet we, being of the day, may be sober, putting on the cuirass of faith and love, and the
helmet, the expectation of salvation,

9 for God did not appoint us to indignation, but to the procuring of salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for our sakes, that, whether we may be watching or drowsing, we should be
living at the same time together with Him.

11 Wherefore, console one another and edify one the other, according as you are doing
also.

12 Now we are asking you, brethren, to perceive those who are toiling among you and
presiding over you in the Lord and admonishing you,

13 and to deem them exceedingly distinguished in love, because of their work. Be at
peace among yourselves.

14 Now we are entreating you, brethren; admonish the disorderly, comfort the
fainthearted, uphold the infirm, be patient toward all.

15 See that no one may be rendering evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue that which
is good for one another as well as for all.

16 Be rejoicing always.

17 Be praying unintermittingly.

18 In everything be giving thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

19 Quench not the spirit.

20 Scorn not prophecies.

21 Yet be testing all, retaining the ideal.

22 From everything wicked to the perception, abstain.

23 Now may the God of peace Himself be hallowing you wholly; and may your unimpaired spirit and soul and body be kept blameless in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ!

24 Faithful is He Who is calling you, Who will be doing it also.

Let's end today with Paul's last words to the Thessalonians:

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