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Message in Brief
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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
New International Version
The Day of the Lord

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

‘Take me away!’ Have you found yourself saying or thinking this lately?!

The thought of escaping the ills of our present day and age is not a new idea. We imagine that ‘things’ are so much worse than ever. Understandable. We get it.

But you know who really gets it? Jesus our Lord.

In the above letter to the Christians in Thessalonica, Christians are encouraged to remember the the Savior will Save. The Redeemer will redeem. The Day of the Lord is coming. Remember the Light, remember that the Everlasting Lord is coming, and our temporary sufferings will be history, the Lord is the Lord for goodness sake (literally!)

Keeping this perspective is challenging. But remember Brothers and Sisters, Lord of all is still the Lord of all!!!

It may be today, it may be further away, but know this,

He’s got this. He’s got us. Thank you, Jesus!

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