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LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT—9
“Falling Asleep With The Lights On”
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE MEANING OF THE DAY OF THE LORD (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2).

A. First, notice how it is *described* in the Old Testament.

B. Secondly, note how it is *displayed* in the New Testament.

II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE _____ OF THE DAY OF THE LORD (1 Thessalonians 5:3-5).

A. First, there is the response of _____ for the unsaved, but judgment will come suddenly (5:3).

B. Secondly, there is the response of _____ for the saved, because they will be raptured (5:4-5).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE _____ OF THE DAY OF THE LORD (1 Thessalonians 5:6-11).

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A. First, the teaching of the Day of the Lord _____ us (5:6-8).

1. First, Paul exhorts us (believers) NOT to have the posture of the unsaved, which is characterized by _____ (5:6-7).

2. Secondly, he exhorts us (believers) TO have the position of the saved, which is characterized by _____ (4:7b-8).

B. Secondly, the teaching of the Day of the Lord _____ us (5:9-11).

1. First, our excitement is a result of our being _____ and ready (5:8b).

a. First, we are armed with a _____ (5:8b). “... *putting on the breastplate of faith and love* ...”

b. Secondly, we are armed with a _____ (5:8c).

(1) What the “*helmet of salvation*” _____ mean.

(2) What the “*helmet of salvation*” _____ mean.

2. Secondly, our excitement is a result of our being _____ and realistic (5:9a).

While many good folks differ on this matter, it is with confidence we share the Pre-tribulation rapturist view of the Rapture. Several reasons why we hold this view:

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- a. First, because of the _____ of the church (Colossians 2:17-19).
- b. Secondly, because of the _____ of the Great Tribulation (Revelation 3:10; Philippians 3:20).
- c. Thirdly, because of the _____ of Christ's imminent return (1 Corinthians 15:51-58).
- d. Fourthly, because of the _____ of the seven churches (Revelation 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:9).

3. Thirdly, our excitement is a reaction to our _____ as children of God (5:9b-10).

4. Fourthly, our excitement is revealed by the _____ of personal comfort (5:11).

CONCLUSION: In the light of these encouraging word and challenging words, there flows two exhortations:

1. To you who ARE saved, just because you are secure in the Lord Jesus, don't become _____.

2. To you who ARE NOT saved, don't put off salvation and remain _____.