

XVII. The Consecration for His Return (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

A. The ILLUMINATION (v. 1-3)

1. The CHARACTER of Their Learning
 - a. The QUANTITY – “ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know”
 - b. The QUALITY – “For yourselves know perfectly”
2. The CAUSE of Their Learning (Acts 17:2-3)
3. The CONTENTS of Their Learning
 - a. The ARRANGEMENTS of the Return of Christ – “the times and the season”
 - b. The APPROVAL of the Return of Christ – “as a thief in the night”
 - c. The ATTITUDE at the Return of Christ – “When they shall say, Peace and safety”
 - d. The ACTION at the Return of Christ – “sudden destruction”

B. The INSTRUCTIONS (v. 4-8)

1. The EXPECTATION for Consecration – “But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief”
2. The EXHORTATION for Consecration
 - a. Be Sleepless – “let us not sleep” Ro. 13:11
 - b. Be Separated – “as do others”
 - c. Be Seeing – “Let us watch” Mat 25:13 26:41 ICo 15:16
 - d. Be Serious – “be sober”
 - e. Be Soldiering – “putting on the breastplate...and...helmet”

C. The INSPIRATION (v. 9-11) for our Consecration

1. The PROTECTION – “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation”
2. The PRECEPT – “Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another”

Ro. 1:18
Jo 3:36