

**Series: A THRIVING HOPE (7/27/25)**

**Title: Our Unexpected Hope**

**Text: (1 Thes 5:1-11)**

*What an exciting time to be alive!*

We stand between 2 mountain peaks of prophecy.

#### **4 things to get ready for the 2nd coming**

##### **I. God Expects it to be a Surprising Day: (1 Thes 5:1-2)**

Thief comes when you don't expect him to:

###### **A. Certainty of his coming:**

(Acts 1:7)(Matt 24:35-36)(Matt 24:44)

1. Only been a couple of days to God: (2 Pet 3:8-9)  
(Matt 24:14)

##### **II. This World is to be Ensured a Sudden Destruction: Vs3**

**A. A Solemn Day - "The Day of the Lord"** (Joel 2:1-2)

**B. A Sudden Day:** (Vs 3) (Matt 24:27)(Matt 24:37- 39)

**C. A Significant Day:** (Vs 3)

##### **III. We Endure a Surrounding Darkness: (1 Th 5:4-8)**

###### **A. Be Aware & Wise Up:** (1 Thes 5:4-5)

1. Days of Lot: (Lk 17:28-30) Pleasure/Preoccupation
2. The Fig Tree has Sprouted: (Matt 24:32-33)

###### **B. Signs Days of Noah:**(Matt 24:36-39)

1. Days of Secular Philosophy (Gen 6:5)
2. Days of Scientific Progress: (Gen 6:4)
  - a. They had Great Cities: (Gen 4:17)
  - b. They had an Industrial Revolution: (Gen 4:22)

###### **C. They had Social Plagues:** (Gen 6:11-13)

1. A Day of Great Violence: (Gen 4:23) Murder
2. A Day of Rampant divorce: (Gen 6:1-2)(Gen 4:19)

##### **D. Days of Sexual Perversion:** (Gen 6:5)(Lk 17:26-30)

1. Sodomy is named after the sin of Sodom.
  - a. (Lev 20:13) Gives God's mind and heart about it.
  - b. (Rom 1:26-27) "unseemly" Receiving, "Meet"

##### **E. Days of Selfish Prosperity:** (Matt 24:36-38)

1. How did we Get Here?
  - a. (2 Tim 3:1-5)(2 Pet 3:3-7)
  - b. (Deut 32:17)(Ps 106:36-37)(1 Cor 10:20)
2. Worship of those 'gods' cease? (Acts 16:16-18)
3. Jesus explains what happens: (Matt 12:43-45)

##### **#1. Baal: Chief of the Canaanite Pantheon: Zeus,**

Drove Israel to Forget their God: (Judges 2:11-12)

Drove Israel to worship their Tech: (Is 2:8)(Ps 115:4)

**#2. Ashtoreth:** Queen of heaven, Aphrodite, Ishtar, Tamuz  
(Judges 2:13) (Judges 10:6)

##### **#3 Chemosh:** Molech, Saturn Cronus

(1 Kings 11:7)(Lev 18:21)(2 Kings 23:10)(Jer 32:35)

**A. Be Aware and Wise Up:** (1 Thes 5:4-5)(Rom 13:12a)  
(Lk 1:17)(Jn 3:19)

###### **B. Be Awake and Rise Up:** (1 Thes 5:6-7)

1. The Solution begins with The Believer: (1 Pet 4:17)
2. We Need Gideon Today:(Judg 6:25-26; 2 Chro 16:9)
3. We are to be WATCHING! (Rom 13:11)  
- Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)(2 Tim 4:3-5)
4. We are to be WORKING! (Rom 13:12a)  
(Luke 19:12-13, 15) Occupy=Occupation!

###### **C. We are to be Salt & Light:** (Matt 5:13-16)

**We are to be WAITING!** (1 Thes 5:6)(Rom 13:12b-13)

**We are to Be Alert and Dress up:** (1 Thes 5:8)(Rom 13:14)

**Dress up with the Breastplate of Faith & Love:** (1 Jn 1:6-9)

**Dress up with the Helmet:**

**God Expects it to be a Surprising Day:**

**This World is to be Ensured a Sudden Destruction:**

**We are to Endure a Surrounding Darkness:**

**4. We Will Experience a Sure Deliverance:** (1 Thes 5:9-11)

**Will the Church be Raptured or go through the Tribulation?** (Rev 1:19)

**3 Divisions of Revelation**

***Which Was:*** (Ch 1), Jesus in Glory

***Which Are:*** (Ch 2-3), The Church Age

***Which Is To Come:*** (Rev 4:1-Rev 22)

**The Church is never mentioned After Ch 3:**(1 Thes 1:9-10)  
(Rev 3:10)

**Who is Jesus Speaking to:** (Rev 3:22)

**We Will Experience a Sure Deliverance**

(2 Thes 2:1) He is Coming, and we will be gathered (Rapture)

(2 Thes 2:3-4) *Falling Away - Apostasia*

(2 Thes 2:6-8) The Great Restrainer

(John 14:16) *Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

**God takes His Own out before He pours out his wrath**

**Noah:** (Gen 7:1,16) God Shut Them In!

**Lot:** (Gen 19:16-17, \*22)

**Rahab:** (Josh 2:18)(1 Thes 5:9-11)

**We Will Experience a Sure Deliverance:** (Lk 21:34-36)

(Matt 24:36, 42, 44)

(Mark 13:32-37)

(Titus 2:13) Blessed Hope!

(1 Jn 3:3) Having this Hope

(Rev 4:1) (Rev 6:17)

**I am waiting for Jesus, not the Tribulation:** (1 The 1:10)  
(1 The 5:1-4)

**We Will Experience a Sure Deliverance**

**Paul's Explanation:** (1 The 5:9-11)

**Paul's Expectation:** (1 Thes 5:10)

Paul was expecting Christ's return: (1 Thes 4:17 )  
(1 Jn 2:18)

**Paul's Edification:** (1 Thes 5:11)

**Be Aware and Wise Up: (1 Thes 5:4-5)**

We are the only ones who can make sense of what is going on around us.

**Be Awake and Rise Up (1 Thes 5:6-7)**

We are the only ones who can make the difference.

**Be Alert and Dress up: (1 Thes 5:8)**

Breastplate: Get your heart right:

Helmet: Get your head right:

The Hope of Salvation: (Titus 2:13)