

INSIDE OUT MOTIVATION

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

- a. Faith in God & His Son Jesus Christ
(Acts 2:36)
- b. Faith in God leads to hope in God's future promises
- c. This hope gives us motivation to live Christian life
- d. God future prophecies revolve around city of Jerusalem
- e. God promises that Christ the Messiah will build new Jewish temple (book of Ezekiel)
- movement in Israel today building temple furniture & new breed of red haired cattle
- f. Three motivations to know God & His prophecies of the future

"Thus saith the Lord God; This is Jerusalem; I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her." (Ezekiel 5:5)

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." (Zechariah 14:1-4)

promised
new
name
"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." (Revelation 21:2-3) HEAVEN

Jesus
victory
"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

1. A COMING Day (v. 1-2)

A. The rapture is Understood - God takes church out from earth

"FOR YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY"

Jesus
church
only
Christians

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) - see Acts 1:11

Jesus
comes in
the
clouds

B. The revelation is Illuminating (light)

Quote: "Rejectors of Christ sit in spiritual darkness concerning the end times."

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

- Emmanuel God with us
(Mt 1:23, Is 7:14)

Christians

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8)

C. The restoration of Israel is Complete

Quote: "The Day of the Lord is an extended prophetic time in which God will finish His program with Israel and the judgment He will bring that will bring this world to an end as we know it."

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10)

God's final judgment

EVENTS DURING THE "DAY OF THE LORD"

1. The 7 Year Tribulation
Jeremiah 30:7-9, Daniel 9:27
2. The Second Coming of Christ to earth to rule
Revelation 19:11-12, Revelation 19:15
3. The 1,000 Year Reign on Earth by Jesus Christ
Revelation 20:4 in Jerusalem
4. Satan's Final Defeat
Revelation 20:7-10
5. The Great White Throne Judgment
Revelation 20:11-15 final judgment
6. Destroying and Renewing of the Universe
Revelation 21:1
7. The Eternal Day of God
1 Peter 3:12-13

2. A COMING Destruction (v. 3)

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matthew 24:6-8)

- sudden destruction

A. The false Hope

CLAMORING FOR PEACE - want peace & safety

Anti-Christ *(* *)* And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." (Daniel 9:27)

Abomination of Desolation *(* *)* "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)" 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:" (Matthew 24:15-16)

Anti-Christ actions *(* *)* "...and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

SUDDEN DESTRUCTION

"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." (Luke 17:26-27)

B. The final Tribulation - complete destruction

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:" (Jeremiah 30:7-8)

(*)* "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." (Zechariah 13:8-9)

- so many dead

remnant survivors in Israel only 1/3

church not appointed (ordained) to wrath

3. A COMING Deliverance (v. 10)

A. The Deliverance message

WE ARE PRESERVED FROM WRATH - VS. 9

delivered
from wrath

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." (Revelation 3:10)

"And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."
(1 Thessalonians 1:10)

WE ARE PROMISED ETERNITY WITH CHRIST

delivered
to eternal
life salvation

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:13)

B. The Deliverance motivation

BE ALERT

Adversary
enemy the
Devil

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." (1 Peter 5:8-9)

BE SOBER

Jesus comes
as thief in
the night

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping."
(Mark 13:35-36)

BE PREPARED

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" (Ephesians 6:14)

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." (Ephesians 6:16)

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"
(Philippians 1:6)

- God started Christian's salvation Journey
- God will finish His promised salvation for Christian until Day of Jesus Christ (Day of the Lord)