

# The Lord's Return and the Believer's Behaviour

## 1 Thessalonians 05: 04–11

### 1 *He is not to be surprised by the Lord's return*

- a. Because he is not in darkness
- b. Because he is a child of light
- c. Because he is a child of the day

### 2 *He is not to be spiritually asleep or unwatchful*

- a. Fact:  
Some do sleep
- b. Reason:  
Identifies him with the night and evil behaviour

### 3 *He is to be sober and to protect himself*

- a. How:  
By putting on the armour of God — faith, love and hope
- b. The reasons
  - 1) He is not appointed to wrath, but to salvation
  - 2) Christ died for him

### 4 *He is to minister*

- a. To encourage others
- b. To edify others

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