

Sunday September 21st 2014
From Here To Eternity
Part One
Study Questions

1). Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 – What is Paul writing about in these verses?

a). What do we learn from them?

b). Why is Paul writing this?

c). What is implicit in what is described in these verses and how would we know by comparing scripture with scripture?

2). Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – Following on from that which we have just seen at the end of Chapter 4, what is Paul's purpose in that which he writes at the beginning of Chapter 5?

a). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this and what do we learn from them?

b). Read Chapter 5 verse 1 again – why does Paul have no need to write about times and seasons?

c). What do you think 'times' refers to? And what should we be expected to know about these times? Which scripture did we look at?

d). What does the use of the word diligent tell us and how does this connect with Paul's purpose at the beginning of Chapter 5?

e). What do you think 'seasons' refers to and why do you think this is written in the plural form?

3). Read Ruth 2:8-9 + 23 – What do we learn about the Lord's expectation for us from these verses?

a). What is significant about the barley harvest with respect to the prophetic feasts of Israel?

b). What happened on this feast day with respect to Christ?

c). What does this feast prophetically look to for the future?

d). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with our last 2 answers?

e). With regards to what we learn from Ruth, what is the significance of the barley harvest with respect to the faithful Christian? Which scriptures did we look at?

f). What is the significance of the wheat harvest and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

g). What does the wheat harvest teach with regards to the life of the faithful Christian and which scriptures did we look at?

h). What must we add into this picture, also taken from the Book of Ruth?

i). What must be true with regards to our own journey as seen through the examples of Abraham and Moses/Israel?

j). Still drawing from the Book of Ruth – what preparations are we to make and how would these connect with what we have learned about the harvests?

k). So then, what does it mean to know the seasons?

4). Look again at 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 – What event is Paul drawing his example from in these verses and what does he want us to know from this?

a). What does this mean for ourselves with respect to our own sin nature and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

5). Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5 again – What do these verses tell us about ourselves and why would this be true?

a). What would you say is Paul's focus again with regards to the coming of this 'Day'? Which scripture did we look at?

b). Now read v6-7 again – what admonition do we find here?

c). How should we understand the use of the words, 'sleep' and 'drunk' and what warning is there here for us?

d). What might distract us from our purpose and which scripture did we look at?

e). What is the antidote for this and which scripture did we look at?

f). How does this scripture connect with 1 Thessalonians 5:8?

g). What does the imagery used here call to mind and how does this connect with the experience of Israel at Kadesh Barnea?

h). What commentary do we find on this in Hebrews 3:19?

i). Which unholy trinity can bring about our own unbelief and what would we learn from Israel's experience at Rephidim about this?

j). And so, finally, where are you in terms of time? And where are you in the process of preparedness?

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Personal Preparedness

You Are Here

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