



**Jesus' Return Motivates Me!**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**<sup>1</sup> Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you.**

**<sup>2</sup> For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.**

**<sup>3</sup> When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.**

**<sup>4</sup> But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief.**

**<sup>5</sup> For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night.**

<sup>7</sup> Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. <sup>8</sup> But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

<sup>9</sup> For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us.

<sup>10</sup> Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever.

<sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

“...the day of the Lord’s return will come...”  
(5:2)

“Come quickly, Lord Jesus!”

Jesus will Return!

Isaiah 53

Daniel 9

Psalm 22

Jesus’ 1<sup>st</sup> Coming

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- Since the Bible has been 100% accurate on hundreds of detailed prophecies about Jesus, we have strong reason to believe in His future return!

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<sup>6</sup> So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. <sup>7</sup> Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. <sup>8</sup> But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, ...

**Motivation to Stay Alert  
and Be Clearheaded!**

<sup>36</sup> "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. <sup>42</sup> "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming. (Matthew 24)

**Motivation to Stay Alert  
and Be Clearheaded!**

**"asleep or drunk"**  
Destination

**"alert and clearheaded"**  
Preparation for eternity  
(Hebrews 11:9, 10, 13b-16)

**This Life**

**"asleep or drunk"**  
Earthly Comforts

**"alert and clearheaded"**  
Maturing in Christ-like Character  
(1 Timothy 4:7b, 8; 6:9, 11)

**Life's Purpose**

**“asleep or drunk”**  
Appearance and affects

**“alert and clearheaded”**  
Eternal and in God’s image  
(2 Corinthians 5:16 -17)

**People**

**“asleep or drunk”**  
A safe playground

**“alert and clearheaded”**  
Battlefield of the broken

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**Earth**

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Does Jesus' return motivate you?

**GOD BLESS YOU**

HAVE A GREAT WEEK