

LOVING ONE ANOTHER SERMON 8  
Title: Encourage And Build Up One Another  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Did you know that 27% of the Bible is prophecy? 372 In the Old Testament there are over 1,800 references to Christ's return. Of the 260 chapters in the New Testament, there are more than 300 references to Christ's return—one out of every 30 verses. Twenty-three of the 27 New Testament books give prominence to this subject. For every biblical prophecy concerning Christ's first coming, there are eight prophecies about His second coming. Robert Jeffress, *As Time Runs Out* (Nashville: Broadman, 1999).**

**JESUS IS COMING BACK—STAY ALERT.**

*<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*

There is no new information that will be given about times and seasons.

The day of the Lord:

(Matthew 24:42-44; 25:13; Luke 12:40, 45; 21:34-39; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3; 16:15)

**LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT**

Take the owner of the house by surprise.

The false prophets during Jeremiah's day rejected the message of judgement but it still came. (*Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11, 22*)

**LIKE LABOR PAINS COME UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN**

Indicator that the baby is on the way. Sudden and unannounced

**LIVE LIKE JESUS IS COMING BACK**

*<sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

**THE LIGHT:** (*Luke 16:8; John 1:4-9; 3:17-21; 8:12; 11:9-10; 12:35-36, 46; Eph. 5:8; 1 John 1:5, 7; 2:8-10*).

**OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

Let us not sleep: (**Matthew 25:1-13**).

Let us keep awake: (**Mark 13:35-37; Matthew 24:42**).

Let us be Sober:

Having put on

**Faith, hope, and love is the Triad of Christian virtues.** (Romans 5:2-5; Galatians 5:5-6; Colossians 1:4-5; Hebrews 6:10-12; 1 Peter 1:21-22).

## **ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO LIVE IN JESUS.**

*<sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”*

Jesus died for us (*Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 5:21*) and we will live in fellowship with Him (*John 14:3; 2 Corinthians 5:8*).

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER