***Lesson Nineteen***

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-2**

**What is The Day of the Lord?**

**1.** In v. 1 Paul writes to encourage the Thessalonians with the words, ***now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.*** What do the terms ***times*** (*chronos*—#5550) and ***epochs*** (*kairos*—#2540) mean?

**2.** Compared to what he says in 1 Thessalonians 4:13, what is Paul saying here in v. 1?

**3.** In v. 2 when Paul says that ***you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night***, what does he mean? What do they ***know full well***? How would they have known this?

**4.** In order to understand what ***the day of the Lord*** is, it is necessary to see what the Old Testament teaches on this subject. Read the following verses: Isaiah 13:6, 9; Ezekiel 30:3; Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11, 31, 3:14; Zephaniah 1:7-18; Obadiah 1:15. What do these verses teach us about ***the day of the Lord***?

**5.** The ***day of the Lord*** begins with the pouring out of God’s wrath on the unbelieving world and disobedient Israel during the Tribulation. But ***the day of the Lord*** also continues into the Millennium, following the return of Christ. Read Joel 3:9-18, Isaiah 2:4 and Isaiah 11:6-8. What does these passages describe?

**6.** While the **broad sense** of ***the day of the Lord*** runs from the beginning of the Tribulation until the end of the Millennial Kingdom, there is also a **narrow sense** . . . a single event . . . of ***the day of the Lord***. Read Zechariah 14:1-4 and Revelation 19:11-19. From these two passages, what is **the narrow sense of *the day of the Lord***?

**7.** Now, from what you have learned about ***the day of the Lord***, what is Paul telling the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 5:2 when he says ***that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night***?

**8.** We learn in Paul’s second letter to the Thessalonians that this subject comes up again. Read

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2. What is Paul saying in this passage?

**9.** In review, what is the **broad sense** and what is the **narrow sense** of ***the day of the Lord***?