

Welcome to Calvary Chapel of Hilo

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Sunday Morning - 9:00 A.M. "THE DAY OF THE LORD" 1 THESS 5:1-11

Next Week - 9 A.M. "THE GOOD SHEPHERD" ISAIAH 53

9:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study – 1 KINGS

"WORDS OF WISDOM"

Prov. 28:11 (NAS95)

The rich man is wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding sees through him.

A **rich man** who glories in his riches thinks he is very clever. **Priding** himself on his rare financial acumen, he is wise in his own conceit. **He confuses riches and wisdom.**

A **poor person who has understanding** can see through such pretension. **Charles Lamb** once approached one of those swaggering men with the remark,

"Excuse me, sire, but are you anybody in particular?"

"**PROPHETIC WARNING**" - (II Peter 3:10)

"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:10).

The world mocks the idea of judgment, for it does not perceive its conduct as evil and does not perceive the holiness of God and His hatred for sin. But this text speaks of great judgment which will conclude our age. "The day of the Lord" includes a period of time in which God will bring this age to a close with great climactic events. Three things are said about this day that contributes to this great warning which unfortunately few folk take seriously.

FIRST — THE CHARACTER OF THE DAY

"Day of the Lord" While this period of time involves great judgment in our text, the character of the day is the vindication of God. God has been dishonored, disobeyed, rejected, and unwanted by the world, Christ was crucified, and He was received by few (Matthew 7:13, 14). Most people are not interested in God and are glad to have

Him eliminated from their society. But the "day of the Lord" will show that that attitude is the wrong attitude. "The day of the Lord" will honor God and show that He and Jesus Christ should be the exalted Ones, and that mankind are wicked sinners who merit nothing but judgment. The "day of the Lord" is God's Day and He will rule and reign over the ones who have rejected Him.

SECOND — THE COMING OF THE DAY

"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night." Two things are involved in this coming as a "thief in the night."

• **Surprise.** "Coming as a thief in the night" depicts surprise.

Though God has given much warning, yet mankind has been lulled to sleep by the drug of sin, and not heeding and also despising the warning, the "day of the Lord" will be a shock to them. Men are expecting things to continue as they have been over the last millenniums (II Peter 3:4) so, ignoring the warning, they will be utterly surprised when the day comes.

• **Speedy.** "Come as a thief in the night." Thieves act quickly. This depicts the coming of "The day of the Lord." God's vindication will come quickly, especially to those who have ignored the warnings and are not interested in God. The day will come so quickly that unbelievers will not be able to escape.

THIRD — THE CONFLAGRATION OF THE DAY

"The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." The prominent thing about this great climactic end of things as we know them is the fiery judgment upon the world. The language is forceful. The heat will be terrible. Judgment will be devastating. Unbelief will no longer be honored!

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Isaiah 13:9 NAS95

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming,
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,
To make the land a desolation;
And He will exterminate its **sinners** from it.

Joel 3:14 NAS95

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!
For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.