

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 God gives us all we need to know about the end. November 6, 2011

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Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ to prepare you for the end! Amen.

God's Word to make us certain of His blessing in the end is written in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

These are Your words heavenly Father. Make us sure of victory through Your Word. Your Word is truth.

Dear Christians, who wait for Jesus' return,

A few weeks ago a man named Harold Camping predicted the end of the world. He had first said it would happen in May, and then tried October. He got the attention and disappointment of 1,000's of people. Why is it that so many people, even Christians, want to know the exact time of end? Is it just curiosity? Is it like playing a game where everyone predicts the date for something to happen? If so, everyone has lost in the game up to this point, and they will continue to lose until the end! But, the end of the world isn't a game. We need to know the saving truth about Judgment day.

God tells us all we need to know about the end!

First, Jesus' return is certain! Paul wrote in verse 1, "*Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*" (v.1-2) The Thessalonians didn't question the exact date of the end. It didn't matter. What did matter was being ready for His coming. Why didn't God just tell us a date to prepare us? Jesus told a parable of a manager put in charge of a large household while the owner was gone. He didn't know the time of the owner's return, so he lived in a way to always be prepared for the owner's return. Jesus concluded, "*You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*" (Luke 12:40)