

Sermon Notes: The Day of the Lord is Coming

1. Invitation from last Sunday: **rethink** the ascension (not above us in space but stature), **reject** Psalm 149:5-6 (its call for vengeance is inconsistent with Jesus' teaching), and **remember** God's promise to defeat death on All Saints Day
2. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 says that "anyone unwilling to work should not eat." What do we make of this? We need to consider what it probably meant in its original historical context.
3. 1 Thessalonians in context: Paul preaches that the end is near. People respond by asking, "Why bother with anything if it is?"
4. 2 Thessalonians as response to **able-bodied believers** (not to the poor or homeless in general) who could work but who instead abused Paul's teaching about the end times to justify being lazy.
5. What difference does this make? Surely, the Day of the Lord is coming—that day **for each of us** is death. How do we face it?
6. 2 Thessalonians offers a response: acknowledge it, continue the pursuits of your daily life, and do so with gratitude. This life is a fleeting, temporary gift, an expression of sheer grace. Treat it like one!