

**“Ready or Not, Here I Come!”**

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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***Introduction:***

- A. What childhood game included these words: “ready or not, here I come”?  
(\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_)
- B. In addition to being concerned about those who had \_\_\_\_\_, they were also concerned about when the \_\_\_\_\_ was going to take place.

***I. No One Can Predict the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Second Coming.***

- A. Paul used two illustrations to convey the suddenness and unpredictability of the Second Coming.
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The coming of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Trying to figure out the date should be recognized for what it is - a \_\_\_\_\_.

***II. Some People \_\_\_\_\_ Be Ready for the Second Coming.***

- A. Paul employs a very powerful image to characterize those who will be ready and those who won't - it is the image of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Paul associates night and darkness with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.

***III. \_\_\_\_\_ Can Be Ready for the Second Coming.***

- A. Because we are sons of the day, we must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Paul ends this section giving the assurance that those who are ready will be greatly \_\_\_\_\_.

***Conclusion:***

- A. Things to consider:
1. Proper preparation for the Second Coming is \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. For believers, the Second Coming should cause \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. The only source of security is \_\_\_\_\_, not human abilities or institutions.
- B. Things to do: The reality of the Second Coming should...
1. Cause us to put our \_\_\_\_\_ in God and to live out our \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Cause us to think about and talk about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ every \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ to be ready for His coming.

Answer Key: Intro. A. hide, seek. B. died, Second, Coming. I. date. I.A.1. thief, night. I.A.2. labor, pains. I.B. temptation. II. Won't. II.A. light, darkness. II.B. undisciplined, unholy. III. We. III.A. alert, self-controlled. III.B. blessed. Concl.A.1. service, speculation. A.2. anticipation, not apprehension. A.3. God. B.1. trust, faith. B.2. return, day. B.3. strive.