

Supplementary Scripture Reading for FLORA, FAUNA, AND FAITH: AUTUMN DEVOTIONALS

All Scripture in New Living Translation

Day 89: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5:1 Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. **2** For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. **3** When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.

4 But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. **5** For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. **6** So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. **7** Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. **8** But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

9 For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. **10** Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. **11** So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

