

## The Thief

*"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.... But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief"* (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4). The Bible writers used the analogy of a thief a few times to describe the suddenness of judgment (cf. 2 Peter 3:10). The Lord used the same analogy when He spoke of the end of the world in Matthew 24:43 (cf. Revelation 16:15). Since we do not know the time of the Lord's coming, we can only watch, and you need to watch all the time. We are *"fearfully and wonderfully made,"* but we are fragile too (Psalm 139:14). It is bit morbid to think about, but life can be extinguished in a moment under virtually hundreds of circumstances. Do not be caught off guard. Be ready!

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