

If I Should Die Before I Wake Part 1

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Second Coming

- Spiritual growth and maturity.
- Evangelism motivation.

Second Coming – Two Parts

- In the air – Rapture.
 - We are taken to be with the Lord and receive new bodies.
- To the earth – Establishment of the 1,000 year reign.

Day of the Lord

- Called: Time of Jacob's Troubles
- Called: The Great Tribulation
- Time of great judgment upon the ungodly

Concerns

- They felt the rapture would come before the tribulation.
- They knew they were in a tribulation.
- They were worried that they may have missed the rapture.

Interesting

- They had fear: had they missed the rapture?
- Insight: they believed the rapture came first, then the Tribulation.
- If the rapture was after the Tribulation, then they would be looking forward to the rapture.

Asleep –two meanings

- Normal idea of sleep.
- Refers to those who have died.
Those who have died in Christ.

Two Sorrows

- Natural: Jesus wept when Lazarus died.
- Sorrow for those who have no hope.

Next Time

- How
- Who
- What
- So what