

Watchtower's Reference Bible, 1984 Edition

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1—5:5

Father at the presence^a of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.^b

4 Finally, brothers, we request you—and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, just as you received [the instruction] from us on how you ought to walk^c and please God, just as you are in fact walking, that you would keep on doing it more fully.^d **2** For you know the orders^e we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is what God wills, the sanctifying^f of you,^g that you abstain from fornication;^h **4** that each one of you should know how to get possession of his own vesselⁱ in sanctification^j and honor, **5** not in covetous sexual appetite^k such as also those nations^k have which do not know God;^l **6** that no one go to the point of harming and encroach upon the rights of his brother in this matter,^m because Jehovahⁿ is one who exacts punishment for all these things,ⁿ just as we told you beforehand and also gave you a thorough witness.^o **7** For God called us, not with allowance for uncleanness,^p but in connection with sanctification.^p **8** So, then, the man that shows disregard^q is disregarding, not man, but God,^r who puts his holy spirit^s in you.

9 However, with reference to brotherly love,^t you do not need us to be writing you, for you yourselves are taught by God^u to love one another;^v **10** and, in fact, you are doing it to all the brothers in all of Mac-e-do'nia. But we exhort you, brothers, to go on doing it in fuller measure, **11** and to make it your aim to live quietly^w and to mind your own business^x and work with your hands,^y just as we ordered you; **12** so that you may be walking decently^z as regards people outside^a and not be needing anything.^b

13 Moreover, brothers, we do not

1Th 3:13* See App 5B. 4:3* Or, "the holding sacred (treating as holy)." Gr., *ho ha-gi-a-smos*; Lat., *sancti-fi-ca'ti-o*. 3* See App 5A. 5* Lit., "not in passion of desire." 6* See App 1D. 7* Or, "filthiness; depravity; lewdness." Gr., *a-kathar-si'ai*, dative, sing.; J²²(Heb.), *letum-ah*, "for uncleanness." 9* "God," *ABVg*; J¹⁷, "Jehovah."

Morals. Dead arising. God's day

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CHAP. 3

a Jas 5:8
1Jo 2:28
b 1Th 2:19
1Th 5:23
2Th 2:1

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c Col 1:10
1Pe 2:12
d Php 1:27
e 1Ti 6:13
f Joh 17:19
Eph 5:26
2Th 2:13
1Pe 1:16
g 1Co 6:15
Eph 5:3
h Col 3:5
2Ti 2:22
i Ro 6:19
2Ti 2:21
j 1Co 6:18
Eph 5:5
k 1Co 5:10
Eph 4:17
l Ps 79:6
1Pe 4:3
m De 5:21
1Co 6:8
1Co 7:2
n Ps 94:1
2Th 1:8
o Ac 20:20
Ac 28:23
p Le 11:44
1Co 1:2
Heb 12:14
1Pe 1:15
q Lu 10:16
r 1Co 6:19
s Eze 37:14
1Jo 3:24
t Joh 13:34
Joh 13:35
Ro 12:10
u Isa 54:13
Joh 6:45
v 1Pe 1:22
1Jo 4:21
w 2Th 3:12
x Ro 12:11
1Pe 4:15
y 1Co 4:12
Eph 4:28
2Th 3:10
1Ti 5:8
z Ro 13:13
a Ro 12:17
2Co 8:21
b Jas 1:4

Second Col.

a Joh 11:11
Ac 7:60
1Co 15:6
b 1Co 15:32
Eph 2:12
c Ro 14:9
1Co 15:4
d 1Co 15:23
Php 3:21
2Th 2:1
Re 20:4
e 1Th 2:13
1Jo 4:2
f Mt 24:30
1Co 15:51
g Ac 1:11
h Jude 9
i Mt 24:31
j 1Co 15:52
k 2Ti 4:8
l Ac 1:9
2Co 5:8
Php 1:23
m Mt 26:64

want you to be ignorant concerning those who are sleeping^a [in death]; that you may not sorrow just as the rest also do who have no hope.^b **14** For if our faith is that Jesus died and rose again,^c so, too, those who have fallen asleep [in death] through Jesus God will bring with him.^d **15** For this is what we tell you by Jehovah's^e word,^e that we the living who survive to the presence of the Lord^f shall in no way precede those who have fallen asleep [in death]; **16** because the Lord^g himself will descend from heaven^g with a commanding call, with an archangel's^h voice and with God's trumpet,ⁱ and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first.^j **17** Afterward we the living who are surviving^k will, together^k with them,^k be caught away^l in clouds^m to meetⁿ the Lord^a in the air; and thus we shall always be with [the] Lord.^o **18** Consequently keep comforting one another with these words.

5 Now as for the times and the seasons,^p brothers, you need nothing to be written to you. **2** For you yourselves know quite well that Jehovah's^q day^q is coming exactly as a thief in the night.^r **3** Whenever it is that they^s are saying: "Peace and security!" then sudden destruction^a is to be instantly upon them just as the pang of distress upon a pregnant woman;^v and they will by no means escape.^w **4** But you, brothers, you are not in darkness,^x so that that day should overtake you as it would thieves,^y **5** for you are all sons of light^z and sons of day.^a We belong neither to night nor to darkness.^b

n Joh 12:26; Joh 17:24; 2Th 2:1; o Joh 14:3; Re 20:6; CHAP. 5 p Da 2:27; Da 7:25; Ac 1:7; Ro 13:11; q Zep 1:14; r Mt 24:36; 2Es 3:10; Re 3:3; s Jer 8:9; t Jer 8:11; u Ps 37:10; 2Th 1:9; v Ps 48:6; Ho 13:13; w Heb 2:3; Heb 12:25; x Ro 13:12; Col 1:13; 1Pe 2:9; y Joh 24:14; z Joh 12:36; a Ac 26:18; Ro 13:12; Eph 5:8; b Joh 8:12.

1Th 4:15* See App 1D. 15* "The Lord," *ABVg*; B, "Jesus." 16* "The Lord," *ABVg*; J^{7,8,13,14}, "Jehovah." 17* Lit., "the (ones) being left around." See App 5D. 17* Or, "at the same time." 17^a "The Lord," *ABVg*; J^{7,8}, "Jehovah." 17^b "Lord," *ABVg*; J^{7,8,13,14,24}, "Jehovah." 5:1* Or, "appointed times." Gr., *kai-ron*. 2* See App 1D. 4* "Overtake you as it would thieves," AB; *ADITVgSy^hPArm*, "overtake you as a thief."

Who is Jehovah according to 1 Thess 4:16; Zech 11:13; 12:10; 14:3-5; 14:9? The Scripture identifies Jehovah in these verses.