

GROW IN
THE
GRACE &
KNOWLEDGE
OF
OUR **LORD**
& SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST

2 Peter 3:18

2 PETER
THE DAY OF THE LORD





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Series on 2 Peter

- Last Letter to the church
- You Have.....
 - Divine Power for Life
 - Divine Promise to Count on
 - Divine Nature in You
- Make every effort, strive to grow
- Specific about adding to your belief action
- Encouragement to strive to live up to...

Last Week – Warning to Scoffers



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2 Peter 3:5-14 “For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.



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The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!



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¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwell¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.”



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1. God Has Been Clear

- divine promises of God are solid!
- history shows it, trust it going forward
- the end of the world is coming
- Peter deals with one side of the issue
 - not addressing the how but what
- a) Fire will Fall – vs.7,10-12
 - destined to be destroyed by fire
 - everything will be burned, exposed
 - creator of all clear – here is what will happen



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b) Day of the Lord

- not a new concept, found in O.T.
- common thought – three things
 - God Vindicates His Holy Name
 - Will Correct Injustice – judge sin
 - Gather His People
- Joel 2:30-32 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”



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- Malachi 4:1-2 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.”

- Psalm 102:25 “Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.”



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- Day of the Lord will be...

- sudden, unexpected, like a thief vs.10

- Matt. 24:42-44 “⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

- 1 Thess. 5:2-4 – “fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”



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- end of our choices, 2 outcomes
 - judgment & punishment for unbelievers
 - redemption & exaltation for believers.

c) New Heaven & Earth Promised
vs.13

- Isaiah 65:17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.”



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2. Need to Get our Perspective Right

- should change how we view...
 - a) perspective on things of this world
 - destined to burn
 - false teachers encouraged people to value things of this world
 - mans praise 2:10,18
 - love of money 2:14-16
 - sexual indulgence 2:2,14
 - exploit spiritual freedom 19



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b) perspective on God waiting to act

- not slow or uninvolved – patient
- desire – none perish, repentance
- heart of God – grace & patience

c) perspective on Time

- God is not limited to our view of time, has his own lenses
- don't overlook this one fact...
- Psalm 90:4 “For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.”



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d) perspective on waiting

- work to stay attentive

- works on earth exposed, what will remain?

- God will accomplish what He promised



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3. Respond to This Truth

- in light of this reality... What sort of people ought you to be?

- right to evaluate – we know what is coming, how do we respond?

a) Three Areas to Check

- in Holiness

- in Godliness

- in Waiting Expectantly,
Hastening the Day



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b) Where do I Need to Invest

- would not invest in something that is clearly not sound!
- Matt. 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



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c) Work to be Found....vs14

- without spot or blemish
 - practicing repentance
 - allowing divine power to change your heart & practice
- at peace
 - trusting the divine promise
 - experiencing the divine nature at work in you
- waiting with expectance



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So What

1. God Has Revealed the Outcome
 - destined for destruction
 - suddenly, unexpected, end of choice
 - new heaven & earth
2. Needs to Shift our Perspective
 - see things through God's lenses
3. Response is Required
 - diligent to grow & invest in what will last