

Where Is the Promise of His Coming?

2 Pet. 3:1-4

Introduction:

- A. Question asked by scoffers. (v. 3,4).
 - 1. In the “last days” (cf. Acts 2:16,17; Heb. 1:2)
 - 2. “Walking according to own lusts” - scoff of coming judgment of Christ.
 - 3. Assume he will not come, since has not come.
 - 4. Wilfully forget the evidence. (v. 5)
- B. Peter warns against forgetting certain truths relating to the Lord’s Second Coming:

Discussion:

- I. We must Not Forget the *Power of God’s Word* (vs. 4-7)**
 - A. By which heavens and earth were created. (v. 5; cf. Gen. 1:6,9; Ps. 33:9).
 - B. By which the flood came upon the earth. (v. 6; cf. Gen. 6).
 - C. By which heavens and earth are now preserved. (v.7).
 - D. So, when God gives the word, the Lord will come and heavens and will be no longer preserved.
- II. We must Not Forget the *Reasons of God’s Seeming Delay*. (vs. 8-9).**
 - A. Time means nothing to Him. (v. 8; Ps. 90:4).
 - B. Giving more opportunity for repentance. (v. 9, 15; cf. Luke 13:3, 5; 24:47).
- III. We must Not Forget the *Certainty of God’s Promise*. (Vs. 9, 10).**
 - A. It was promised with certainty. (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11).
 - B. It was believed with certainty. (2 Thess. 1:6-10; 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 9:27).
- IV. We must Not Forget the *Our Responsibilities as We Wait*. (Vs. 11-18).**
 - A. To be prepared at all times - “thief in the night.” (cf. Matt. 24:36; 25:13)
 - B. To be holy and godly people. (vs.11; Tit. 2:11, 12).
 - C. To look for new heavens and new earth. (vs. 12-13).
 - D. To be diligent to be found in peace and purity. (v. 14; cf. Jas. 1:27; 3:17).
 - E. To beware lest we fall away from steadfastness into error. (v. 17).
 - F. To grow spirutally. (v. 18).

Conclusion:

“There’s a great day coming...” (Sacred Selections #)