



EXILES – A Study Through 1st & 2nd Peter – The Promise of His Coming

BILL DUMPHY | Week of May 1st, 2022

SERMON TEXT // 2 Peter 3:1-10 English Standard Version

¹This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ²that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵For 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, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But 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.

⁸But 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. ⁹The 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. ¹⁰But 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.

SERMON GUIDE // 1. The **Predictions** of the Prophets (vv.1-3)

2. The **Promise** of His Coming (vv.4-7)

3. The **Patience** of the Lord (vv.8-10)



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Question 1 // Read **2 Peter 3:1-10**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // Reminders rooted in truth are vital to Christian living. Peter is reminding his readers of the promise of Christ's second coming because **scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires**. (v.3) **How do biblical reminders sustain you in the face of mockery? On a broader scale, how do biblical reminders anchor you during tough seasons?**

Question 3 // On Sunday Bill said, "Verse nine tells us that the Lord is right on schedule. The fact that all these things have not yet come to pass is not because God is slack, not because his word is not true, or because he is a God of false promises. On the contrary, it is because God is full of grace and patience." **How does our idea of perfect timing contrast to God's timing?** As group, take time to look at verses 8 and 9 and discuss the subject of God's timing.

Question 4 // The second coming of Christ provides hope to all Christians, and is an exciting thing to reflect on. However, it should also lead us to action. **Does the reality that Christ will be returning drive you to missions? In this season, do you have a sense of urgency when it comes to building relationships with neighbors, co-workers, and the people in your life for kingdom purposes?**

Reflection & Prayer

Spend some time praying that God would continually remind us of the promises of His return. Pray about ways we can live in light of His return and live out the mission of GracePointe while we await that day: to reflect God's glory, point our community to His grace, and make disciples of Jesus.