



SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2020

*DIVINE POWER
A STUDY OF 2 PETER*

BE ALERT

This 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, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They 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." ⁵ 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. ⁹ 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. ~ 2 Peter 3:1-10

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1. GOD'S WORD IS TRUE.

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Scoffer - someone who jeers, mocks, or treats something with contempt.

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2. GOD'S WORD IS CONSISTENT.

*They deliberately forget that **God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command**, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.*

6 Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. 7 And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire.
They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.
~ **2 Peter 3:5-7**

For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command. ~Psalms 33:9

Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it." ~ Jeremiah 1:12

Our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes. ~ Psalm 115:3

3. GOD IS ON A DIFFERENT TIME TABLE THAN US.

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ~ 2 Peter 3:8

For you, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night hours.
~ **Psalm 90:4**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ~ Galatians 4:4-5

4. GOD IS MERCIFUL.

Memory Verse

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

~ **2 Peter 3:9**

5. READY OR NOT JESUS IS COMING BACK.

But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. ~ 2 Peter 3:10

Jesus said... You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected. ~ Matthew 24:44

The apostle wrote... For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. ³ When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

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Next Steps:

- Memorize 2 Peter 3:9
- Trust Jesus as my Savior and Lord so I am prepared to meet Him in eternity
- Share your story with someone this week
- Invite someone to church next Sunday
- Give to Above & Beyond today