

The Patience of God

DON-06 Days of Noah Series

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2 Peter 2

- False teachers among you – teaching destructive heresies
- The way of truth will be slandered
- Example of what happens to ungodly people – world destroyed by flood, Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by fire
- God protected Noah and rescued Lot
- Lot, sick of the shameful immorality of the wicked people around him – tormented in his soul
- The Lord knows how to rescue the godly while keeping the wicked under punishment – especially hard on those who follow their own twisted sexual desire
- With an appeal to twisted sexual desires they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped a lifestyle of deception
- They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption
- People tangled up again after escaping the world by knowing Jesus – they are worse off – know the way to righteousness and then reject the command to live a holy life
 - Dog returns to its vomit
 - Pig returns to mud

2 Peter 3

- In the last days scoffers will be coming, mocking the truth and following their own desires
- They deliberately forget God made the heavens and earth by the word of his command – and flooded it
- By the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire – the day of judgment – when ungodly people will be destroyed
- The Lord isn't slow about his promise, he is being patient
- He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent

While Waiting

- The day will come – everything on earth will be found to deserve judgment – destroyed by fire
- Since everything around us will be destroyed – what holy and godly lives you should live

- Looking forward to the day of God – hurrying it along
 - 2 Corinthians 5:11
 - Matthew 24:14
- New heavens and new earth – a world filled with God's righteousness
- Be found living peaceful, pure and blameless lives in his sight
- The Lord's patience gives people time to be saved
- 1 Timothy 2:3–6
- 1 Peter 3:15–16

The Seekers

- Sinner Seekers – Zacchaeus, Thief on the Cross
- Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1–10
- Thief on the Cross – Luke 23:38–43
- Religious Seeker – Nicodemus – John 3:1–4, John 19:39
- Wrong Motives Seeker – Simon – Acts 8:5–24
- Opposition Encounter – Bar-Jesus – Acts 13:4–12

Seekers at PFC

- Accepting people with all their issues and yet maintaining a Biblical Standard of truth – rather than suppressing the truth so that all feel accepted
- Discerning the Balance
 - Like Lot, sick of the shameful immorality of the wicked people around him – tormented in his soul
 - Yet ready to embrace sinful seekers
 - 2 Corinthians 5:16
- Pharisees with Jesus Mark 2:15–17 Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" 17 When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."
- What about the spiritual hunger that those sinners may have been experiencing deep down inside – looking for truth that would satisfy, and to fill the void that only Jesus can fill
- Jesus was willing to fellowship with them and to seek to understand them – The Question is...are we?
- The need for Unity
- Protection for Children – Areas of Vulnerability