

How Then Shall We Live?

Text: 2 Peter 3:10-18 Date: October 2, 2022

Four Things That WILL Happen (vs. 10)

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

- 1.) The Day of the Lord will come like a thief

Related passages: Matthew 24:42-44; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

- 2.) The heavens will disappear with a roar
- 3.) The elements will be destroyed by fire
- 4.) The earth and everything done in it will be laid bare

How Then Shall We Live? (vs. 11-18)

We Ought to Live Holy and Godly Lives (vs. 11,14)

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives... ¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Related passage: 2 Peter 1:3-11; Philippians 2:12-13

We Ought to Look Forward to the Day of God (vs. 12-13)

¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

Related passage: Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4

We Ought to Speed Its Coming (vs. 12b)

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Related passage: Matthew 24:14

We Ought to Be on Our Guard Against False Teachers (15-17)

¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position (NIV). OR ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability (ESV).

Be on your guard against false teachers SO THAT...

- 1.) You may not be carried away by the error of the lawless (17a)
- 2.) You may not fall from your secure position (17b)

We Ought to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of the Lord Jesus (vs. 18)

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

- 1.) As terrifying and devastating as it will be, why should we “look forward to the day of God...” (vs. 12a)?
- 2.) Why is the call to live “holy and godly lives” the only appropriate response to the day of the Lord (vs. 11)?
- 3.) Why must we “make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him” (vs. 14)?
- 4.) What might happen if we don't? (see verse 17)
- 5.) In regards to the Day of the Lord, how may we “speed its coming” (vs. 12b)? (see Matthew 24:14)