

LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY OF GOD

2 Peter 3:1-18

Key Verse 3:11b-12a

“You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward
to the day of God and speed its coming.”

- Overview: Considering that Apostle Peter wrote 2 Peter when his martyrdom was near (cf. 2Pe 1:14), think about the theme of chapter 3 in the context of the whole letter. Why is it important for us to live with the hope for Jesus' Second Coming in our time?
1. What was Peter's purpose in writing his two letters (1-2)? How can we have “wholesome thinking”¹ (2; 2Pe 1:16-21)? What should we remember regarding the Lord's command (4; Mt 24:30; Mk 14:62)?
 2. Of what danger does Peter warn (3-4)? What truth have the scoffers forgotten and why (3, 5-6; Ge 1:1-2, 6:5-7)? Who are the modern day scoffers? What will happen to the present heavens and earth and why (7)?
 3. What do verses 8-10 teach us about God's promise and his time schedule? Why is God patient (9)? What is the “day of the Lord”? (10², Isa 13:9; Zeph 1:18; 1Thes 5:2)? What does its coming “like a thief” mean to us (Mt 24:43-44)?
 4. In light of this, what kind of people ought we to be (11-12)? What is our glorious hope (13; 1Co 15:51-52; Rev 21:1-4; 22:12-14)? Why is it important for us to “look forward to the day of God and speed its coming” (Mt 24:14)?
 5. With this hope, what must we do (14)? See what Paul said about God's patience (15-16; Ro 2:4-5; 1Ti 2:3-4). How can we “be on our guard” (17)? In what ways should we grow and why is this significant? (18; 2Pe 1:2-3).

¹ The words “wholesome thinking” are also translated “pure mind” (KJV) and “sincere mind” (ESV, NASB).

² The word “everything” in verse 10 is also translated “works” (KJV, ESV, NASB).