

2 Peter 3 The Lord Is Not A Slacker

9/13/09 - The Exchange

- I. Review - Reminders, knowledge of Him, trustworthy word, lordship.
- II. 3:1-7
 - A. 3:1-2 Purpose of the writing. Peter puts the words of the apostles on the same level as the prophets.
 - B. 3:3
 1. knowing - ginisko, understand, having learned
 2. first - primarily, chiefly, most important
 3. scoffers - mockers, people who make light of, play like a child
 4. walking - follow after something, a journey, carry over
 5. The motivation of the scoffer - not truth, but self. Amazing how this letter and Jude parallel one another.
 - C. 3:4
 1. Who are these scoffers? Jews? Gentiles? False teachers? Fallen believers? Doesn't matter, same issue; questioning God's integrity.
 2. The promise of His coming, or coming again? Not even been 40 years since resurrection.
 3. What are they scoffing?
 - D. 3:5
 1. willfully - deliberately, on purpose
 2. forget - hide, conceal, be unknown, not "oops, I forgot"
 3. Sound familiar? Not new.
 4. word - logos.
 - a) John 1:1-3
 - b) Colossians 1:16-17
 - c) Genesis 1:1-3 (aleph and tau)
 5. Creation - by God's word, communicated by God's word.
 - E. 3:6
 1. by which - by what? The word.
 2. The flood. A global judgment of God. By God's word, communicated by God's word.
 - F. 3:7
 1. preserved - stored up, protected
 2. by the same word - that did what? Creation, flood/judgment.
 3. reserved - same idea as preserved, saved up
 4. day of judgment and perdition - destruction, of who? Scoffers, false teachers
 - G. What are they scoffing?
 1. Creation, first judgment, Messiah coming, last judgment, new creation.
 2. Erosion of God's word from both ends.
 3. Peter brings us back to the point of it all.
- III. 3:8-10
 - A. 3:8
 1. forget - same word as in 3:5
 2. The point isn't a secret decoder ring for God's calendar. 7 day, 7,000 year thing.

3. God exists outside of our space time.
 4. Right now, God is there as Peter is writing these words, as Daniel is in the lions den, as the Temple is being desecrated in our future. God is with you in the past, present, and future.
 5. Remember scoffers asking, "When?"
- B. **3:9**
1. **slack** - God is not a slacker. He does things in His time/way
 2. **promise** - If God says it, it's a promise. He will do it.
 3. **longsuffering** - long and wrath. That's what patience is.
 4. **not willing** - doesn't desire, doesn't wish for
 5. **any should perish** - be destroyed in judgment
 6. **but that all should come to repentance** - what does God wish?
 7. Visit the issue of predestination and free will
 - a) Why doesn't God just do what He wants?
 - b) Why did He put that tree in the garden in the first place?
 - c) Doesn't He predestine/elect people? Yes, but He also wants us to and give us the ability to choose. Not mutually exclusive. Predest or free will? Yes.
 8. Peter's point, and the context, is that God is waiting, God is giving more people more time to come into a right relationship with Him.
 - a) David and Bathsheba.
 - b) What does God want of you/me/us? Repentance. Gospel.
- C. **3:10**
1. **thief in the night** - unexpected to us
 2. **elements will melt**
 - a) water, dihydrogen monoxide, fire needs oxygen to burn, hydrogen flammable, put on fire. Magnesium VW fire. 8 oz glass of water for ocean liner.
 - b) Nuclear bomb is energy holding atom together released. What's keeping them together? Cosmic glue? Energy must come from somewhere. **Colossians 1:17**.
- IV. **3:11-18**
- A. **3:11-15a** After we repent, how ought we to live? Is this effecting your life? What is your view of His return?
1. Party when the parents are gone. Going to live it up, but also a bit afraid that they don't come home while you are in the middle of trouble.
 2. Throwing a surprise party for a loved one. You are anxious for their return, you have everything ready for them.
- B. **3:17-18**
1. **since you know this before hand** - one word, proginosko. Accountability.
 2. Be on the look out because you too can be deceived. Trick.
 3. grow in the grace and knowledge - **Are you in a constant state of being transformed?** Can other tell you are being changed?
 4. **Lord and Savior** - lordship.
- V. The Lord is not slack. Promises salvation & judgment. Waiting & wanting, Don't choose from fear, but from need and love.