

FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson Thirteen • 2Peter 3:8-9

Don't Forget What God Is Like

The Scoffers' Sneering Scorn:

Jesus has DELAYED His coming so long that we can't really believe He is coming back.

Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" 2Peter 3:3-4

Peter's Loving Concern:

Beloved, don't FORGET what God is like when it comes to the promise of His coming!

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing... 2Peter 3:8

Don't Forget What God Is Like:

I. The Lord's PERSPECTIVE On Time Is Different Than Ours!

...that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 2Peter 3:8

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Psalm 90:1-4 NIV

An Analogy, Not An Equation:

Peter does not say one day EQUALS a thousand years or a thousand years equal one day, but rather is LIKE a thousand years or one day.

2. The Lord Is PATIENT Toward Us!

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2Peter 3:9

Three Truths to Remember:

- If the Lord has promised something, it will happen in His ordained time, not on our SCHEDULE.

To those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water. 1Peter 3:20 NIV

- God's seeming delay is not due to indifference or inability, but rather to His COMPASSION for sinners.

Also, regard the patience of our Lord as an opportunity for salvation. 2Peter 3:15 HSCB

- The purpose of God's patience is to lead us to REPENTANCE, not to unbelief.

Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4 ESV

3. The Lord Will Keep His PROMISE to Come Again!

But the day of the Lord will come... 2Peter 3:10

What does Christ's coming mean for me today?

- MAKE SURE you know Christ as your Savior and Lord before it's too late.
- BE BOLD in sharing the Gospel with those who don't know Christ before it's too late.