

FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson Twelve • 2Peter 3:1-7

Remember God's Word

Peter's Loving Concern:

We will REMEMBER God's Word in the last days!

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder) 2Peter 3:1 NKJV

In spite of mockers who scoff at the promise of Christ's coming, God's Word PROMISES that Christ will return.

Remember God's Word:

I. Remember, God's Word Is RELIABLE!

that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior 2Peter 3:2 NKJV

The Reliability of God's Word:

God's Word predicts SCOFFERS will come in the last days scoffing at the promise of Christ's coming.

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? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 2Peter 3:3-4 NKJV

Two Observations:

- The scoffers' question is rooted in their desire to continue living in their SINS without moral accountability.
- The scoffers' argument is based on their assumption that God does not INTERVENE in history.

2. Remember, God's Word Is POWERFUL!

The Flawed Reasoning of Scoffers:

Scoffers deliberately IGNORE the fact that God relates to the world by means of His powerful word.

For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 2Peter 3:5-6 NKJV

Scoffers Ignore Two Events in History:

- Scoffers ignore the fact that God CREATED the world by His powerful word.

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 2Peter 3:5 ESV

- Scoffers ignore the fact that God FLOODED the world by His powerful word.

For they deliberately overlook this fact...and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 2Peter 3:6 ESV

Peter's Point: God Will Deliver On His Promise!

The SAME WORD of God that created the world and flooded the world with water is preserving and reserving the world for judgment with fire.

But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 2Peter 3:7 ESV

Two Questions:

- ❑ Are you ignoring the promise in God's Word that Jesus is coming again to judge the world? To do so is to ignore God's authority and your accountability.
- ❑ Are you remembering the promise in God's Word that Jesus is coming again to judge the world? Then make sure of your salvation and then warn others to flee the judgment to come through salvation in Jesus.