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Worship Service
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Persevere: Living in the Last Days

Lesson One • 2 Peter 3:1-7

Grace to Remember

Peter's Concern

That we will REMEMBER God's Word in the last days.

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder. 2Peter 3:1

Peter's Message

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

Remember God's Word

1. Remember, God's Word Is RELIABLE!

That you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles. 2Peter 3:2

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 of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." 2Peter 3:3-4

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 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, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 2Peter 3:5-6

Scoffers Ignore Two Events in History

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

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