

2 Peter

Sermon Notes – July 14, 2019

[#11] *How Do We Live in Light of the Day of the Lord?*

2 Peter 3:11–18

Children's Sermon: To be Found Faithful

To be Caught in Obedience

Luke 12:35–37

³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are **waiting** for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ *Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. ...*

God will not be fooled by fakers (Olive Garden co-worker)

Don't wait to be ready for Jesus to come back (The Parable of the Ten Virgins)

What if Jesus comes back today? Are you ready?



(Review)

Notes:

*Life through Knowledge,
Knowledge through the Word of God*

I. Everything we Need for Life & Godliness... (2 Peter 1:1–11)

2 Peter 1:8–11

⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, *be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.* ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



II. We (Apostles) Have the Prophetic Word More Fully Confirmed (2 Peter 1:16–21)

False Teachers are Ugly & Dangerous (2 Peter 2)

Why is the Lord's Return Delayed? (2 Peter 3)

I. Don't Forget What **God Told You** Beforehand (prophets & apostles)

II. First of All they Predicted Scoffers & Judgment

A. Scoffers are a predicted sign of the last days

B. Scoffers deliberately overlook Creation & the Flood

C. **By this same Word** scoffers are being kept for the day of judgment

III. Why **is** the Lord's Return Delayed?

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



repentance ⇔ **reconsideration** n. — a change of self (heart and mind) that abandons former dispositions and results in a new self, new behavior, and regret over former behavior and dispositions. (Logos Bible software)

IV. In the End, the Evil Nature of this Life is Exposed

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

(Today)

How Do We Live in Light of the Day of the Lord?

Today's Biblical Bullet...

Knowing that the day of the Lord is coming changes how we Christians think and act.



I. Waiting for & Hastening the Day of God

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought [are] you [required] to be in lives of holiness and godliness (piety), ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



A. "Waiting for" (Cf. v. 14 below)

"expect, whether in hope or fear..."ⁱ

"to expect something to happen, whether good or bad—to expect, to anticipate..."ⁱⁱ

B. "Hastening"

Acts 3:19–21

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

II. Therefore be Diligent (Doing) & Grateful (Thinking) v.14-15

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, *since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.* ¹⁵ And **count** the patience of our Lord as salvation,

III. God Spoke the Same Thing to You through Paul

just as our beloved brother **Paul** also **wrote** to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶ as he does in all his letters *when he speaks* in them of these *matters*.

There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable **twist** to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

Titus 2:11–14

¹¹ For *the grace of God has appeared*, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ **waiting for** our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

IV. Summary: Be Careful & Grow

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, *knowing this beforehand, take care* (“to guard closely”ⁱⁱⁱ) that you are not *carried away with* the error of lawless people and *lose* your own stability. ¹⁸ But **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Careful & Zealous to be Found Faithful

...Fired at our Life & Heart

We are careful & zealous to grow in godliness because our precious master will soon return. (Judgment/Life)



Luke 12:37, 38

³⁷ *Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.* ...³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, *blessed are those servants!*

I. Are We Asleep?

- A. What are we aiming at in this life? (Comfort/pleasure, meaningful relationships, wanting to make a difference...)
- B. The Christian life is aiming at **the Day of the Lord**

II. Are We Awake?

- A. (e.g. Bill, Stan, Ken, Bob, Sarah) **Do we realize this can happen to us!** Our craving for lawlessness is a real and present danger.
- B. Are we diligently pursuing growth in our knowledge of God? (Bob & Sue, Vern...)

Matthew 25:11–13

¹¹ Afterward the other (foolish) virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, **I do not know you.**’ ¹³ **Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**

ⁱ Liddell, H. G., Scott, R., Jones, H. S., & McKenzie, R. (1996). [A Greek-English lexicon](#) (p. 1506). Oxford: Clarendon Press.

ⁱⁱ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 356). New York: United Bible Societies.

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid. (p. 486).