

2 Peter

Sermon Notes – July 7, 2019

[#10] *The Day of the Lord is Coming on Schedule*

2 Peter 3:1–10

Children's Sermon: Why is the World so Mixed Up?

Parable of the Weeds **Matthew 13:24–30**



Matthew 13:40–43

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Jesus is waiting to root out the wicked out of love for his people!

Why is the Day of the Lord Delayed?

Notes:

Today's Biblical Bullet...

To show mercy to his chosen people requires God's patience.



I. Don't Forget What God Told You Beforehand

¹ 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, ² *that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,*



II. First, Scoffers & Judgment

A. Scoffers are a predicted sign of the last days

³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers **will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires** [HCSV living according to their own desires]. ⁴ *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.”

Ecclesiastes 8:11

Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.

B. Scoffers deliberately overlook the Flood

⁵ 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, ⁶ and that by means of

these the world that then existed *was deluged* with water and **perished**.

1. Other Flood Accounts

“Numerous accounts of flood stories exist within the ancient Near East and throughout the rest of the world.”ⁱ
(e.g. THE EPIC OF GILGAMESH)

2. Genesis and Science

“RTB’s mission is to spread the Christian Gospel by demonstrating that sound reason and scientific research—including the very latest discoveries—consistently support, rather than erode, confidence in the truth of the Bible and faith in the personal, transcendent God revealed in both Scripture and nature.”ⁱⁱ

“We find fossils of sea creatures in rock layers that cover all the continents. For example, most of the rock layers in the walls of Grand Canyon (more than a mile above sea level) contain marine fossils. Fossilized shellfish are even found in the Himalayas.”ⁱⁱⁱ

The biblical account of the flood is true (revelation)
What can be observed about our planet is true (nature)
Scoffers will deliberately overlook the truth (rebellion)

C. Scoffers **are being kept** for the **day of judgment**

⁷ **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 [men].**

...not because there is no judgment
...not because he does not care about the ungodly deeds

III. Why is the Lord’s Return Delayed?

⁸ But **do not overlook** this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 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. 

Revelation 2:21 (Church in Thyatira)

I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

Ezekiel 18:23 (Cf. 32; 33:11; 1 Tim. 2:4)

²³ Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

IV. The Result of Evil Deeds will be 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**.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

God's delayed judgment is merciful patience toward us
not impotence or indifference.

It proves that he loves you and me!



John 17:24–26

²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, *whom you have given me*, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, *that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.*”

Get on the Right Side of History

I. The Lords Apparent Slow Return

- A. Does not mean the wicked will not be judged
- B. It does mean he is patiently calling all his children to repentance and faith

Matthew 13:27–30

²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘**No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.** ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ’ ”

ⁱ McDowell, Josh. Evidence That Demands a Verdict (p. 389). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.

ⁱⁱ <https://www.reasons.org/about/mission-beliefs>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://answersingenesis.org/the-flood/global/worldwide-flood-evidence/>