

2 Peter

Lesson #9, Chapter 3:11-18

Read through Chapter 3 before beginning this lesson. Be sure to ask the Lord for help in studying and applying this lesson.

1. For review, summarize the contents of 3:1-10.
2. How is your life to be different because of the coming Day of the Lord according to verses 11-12?
3. How is that in direct contrast to the scoffing unbelievers of verses 3-7?
4. D. A. Carson in *The New Bible Commentary* observes that “Jesus (Luke 12:35-40), Paul (Rom. 13:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:3-11), and Peter (1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7-11) all use the last judgment as an incentive to godly living.” Look up the verses D. A. Carson has listed and note the effect the coming day of the Lord is to have upon your life.

Robert Jamieson and A.R. Faussett in their critical commentary succinctly explain how we can hasten the day of God. “The Greek may mean “hastening (that is, urging onward [Alford]) the day of God” not that God’s eternal appointment of the time is changeable, but God appoints us as instruments of accomplishing those events which must be first before the day of God can come. By praying for His coming, furthering the preaching of the Gospel for a

- witness to all nations, and bringing in those whom “the long-suffering of God” waits to save, we hasten the coming of the day of God. Our part is to speed forward this consummation by praying, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Rev 22:20).”
5. Verse 13 reveals the reason we look for and hasten the coming of the Day of the Lord, what is it?

 6. What do you learn about the new heavens and new earth? See verse 13; Is. 60:19-22; Rev. 21:1-7.

 7. Review verses 11-13 and complete the following statements:
 - a. The earth is:

 - b. I am to be:

 - c. God will:

 - d. These truths encourage me to:

 8. Since the beloved flock are to look forward to the coming of the Day of the Lord when Christ will be revealed as King over all the earth, what does Peter urge them to do in verses 14-15?

9. Explain what Peter means when he says that they are to regard the patience of the Lord to be salvation in verse 15.

10. Peter supports what he has been saying about the Day of the Lord by referring to Paul who would have already been martyred by this time, but whose letters would have been circulated among the churches. How does Peter regard Paul (verse 15)? What do you learn about Paul's letters from verses 15-16?

11. Define *untaught* (ESV, NIV *ignorant* [Strong's #261]), *unstable* [Strong's #793], and *distort* (ESV, NKJV *twist* [Strong's #4761]) from verse 16.

12. How can you protect yourself from false teaching according to verses 17-18?

13. What will happen to you if you are carried away by false teaching? See verse 17; Eph. 4:14; 1Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 2:14-18; 2 Pet. 2:18-20.

14. What does it mean to grow in the grace and the knowledge of Christ? See 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 1:17; Phil. 3:8-11; Col. 1:10; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 1:2-3.

15. After studying this book, do you think that Peter thought the Day of the Lord was close at hand? Why or why not?

- a. What about you? After studying this book, do you think the Day of the Lord is close at hand? Why or why not?

16. In light of what we've learned in this chapter, what sort of woman ought we to be?

17. What truth or encouragement stands out to you from Chapter 1? Chapter 2? Chapter 3?

18. What have you learned about the character of God from this book?

19. List one or two things that you intend to apply in your life as a result of studying this book.

To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.