

## The Letter of Second Peter: The Urgency of God's Promises

2 Peter 3

**Main Point:** Judgment is coming. Our lives should reflect it.

### The Reality of Judgment (vv. 1-10)

- *Two Opposing Words...*
  - The sure and steady Word of God (vv. 1-2)

*<sup>[6]</sup> Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come! (Isaiah 13:6)*

*See also Jeremiah 46:10; Ezekiel 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18-20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:2*

*<sup>[12]</sup> They have spoken falsely of the LORD and have said, "He will do nothing; no disaster will come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. <sup>[13]</sup> The prophets will become wind; the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them!" (Jeremiah 5:12-13)*

- The self-serving word of man (vv. 3-4)

*"I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning; and consequently assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption.... For myself, as no doubt for most of my friends, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation from a certain system of morality." (Aldus Huxley)*

- *Two Reminders...*
  - Genesis 6-7 – The Lord's judgment in the flood points to another coming judgment (vv. 5-7).

- Psalm 90:4 – The Lord’s timing is not slow, but merciful (vv. 8-10).

*<sup>[4]</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. (Psalm 90:4)*

*<sup>[36]</sup> But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. (Matthew 24:36)*

- Two Applications...
  - Turn to Christ.

- Trust God’s Word, even in the face of ridicule.

*<sup>[5]</sup> Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. (Proverbs 30:5)*

### Our Response To Judgment (vv. 11-18)

- *Eternal hope leads to holiness (vv. 11-14).*
- *Eternal judgment leads to urgent evangelism.*
- *Divine patience erupts in thanksgiving (v. 15).*
- *Biblical faithfulness requires biblical discernment and growth (vv. 15-18).*
- *Eternal days mean eternal glory (v. 18).*