

# **Living In The Last Days**

## **2 Peter 3:1-7**

### **Do Not Be Ignorant Of God (Like The World)**

#### **A. Remember God's Words (3:1-2)**

##### **1. With a pure mind (3:1)**

**a. So you can look at things properly**

**Titus 1:15**

**b. So you want to look for more**

**Romans 13:11**

##### **2. When you see things unfold (3:2)**

**a. So you can understand**

**John 12:16**

**b. So you can benefit**

**John 6:63**

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#### **B. Realize There Will Be Skeptics (3:3-4)**

##### **1. The priority (3:3)**

**a. To know what you are looking for**

**2 Corinthians 2:11**

**b. To know why you are looking**

**2 Timothy 3:1**

**Matthew 24:12**

##### **2. The people (3:3)**

**a. They are vocal**

**Acts 17:32**

**b. They are vengeful**

**Proverbs 9:7**

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#### **B. Realize There Will Be Skeptics (3:3-4) - continued**

##### **3. Their problems (3:3-4)**

###### **a. Their path (v 3)**

**2 Timothy 3:2-4**

###### **b. Their presumption (v 4)**

**James 4:13-14**

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#### **C. Rely On God's Timing and Judgment (3:5-7)**

##### **1. When the God of creation is denied (3:5)**

###### **a. By those willing**

**Jude 18-20**

###### **b. By those who ignore the truth of His sovereignty and power**

**Romans 1:21-22**

**1 Corinthians 1:26**

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#### **C. Rely On God's Timing and Judgment (3:5-7) – cont'd**

##### **2. When the God of past judgment is denied (3:6)**

**Matthew 24:37-39**

##### **3. When God's future judgment is denied (3:7)**

**Matthew 13:38-43**

**Living In Perspective**

**2 Peter 3:8-18**

**The Perspectives We Need In The Light Of  
Christ's Return**

## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **A. Its closeness (3:10)**

**2 Peter 3:10**

**But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **B. Its call (3:11-12)**

#### **1. To heeding (v 11)**

#### **2 Peter 3:11**

**Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:4**

**But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.**



## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **B. Its call (3:11-12) - continued**

#### **2. To holiness (v 11)**

#### **2 Peter 3:11**

**Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

#### **Romans 13:12**

**The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.**

## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **B. Its call (3:11-12) - continued**

#### **3. To hasting (v 12)**

#### **2 Peter 3:12**

**Looking for and hasting (*desire earnestly*) unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

#### **Revelation 22:20**

**He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **C. Its consummation (3:13)**

#### **2 Peter 3:13**

**Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:20**

**For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.**

## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **C. Its consummation (3:13) - continued**

#### **Revelation 21:1-8**

**1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

**2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **C. Its consummation (3:13) - continued**

#### **Revelation 21:1-8**

**4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**

**5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

**6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**

## **II. God's Promise (3:10-13)**

### **C. Its consummation (3:13) - continued**

#### **Revelation 21:1-8**

**7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

**8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

### **III. God's Petition (3:14-18)**

#### **A. Be diligent (3:14)**

**2 Peter 3:14**

**Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

### **III. God's Petition (3:14-18)**

#### **A. Be diligent (3:14)- continued**

**Matthew 24:43-46**

**43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.**

**44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

**45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?**

**46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**



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#### **B. Be delivered (3:15-16)**

##### **2 Peter 3:15-16**

**15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**

**16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

### **III. God's Petition (3:14-18)**

#### **B. Be delivered (3:15-16) - continued**

**2 Peter 1:4**

**Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

### **III. God's Petition (3:14-18)**

#### **C. Be dedicated (3:17-18)**

##### **1. We know more (v 17)**

#### **2 Peter 3:17**

**Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:58**

**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

### **III. God's Petition (3:14-18)**

#### **C. Be dedicated (3:17-18) - continued**

##### **2. We grow more (v 18)**

#### **2 Peter 3:18**

**But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

**Don't Lose Your Perspective**