**LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY OF GOD**

2 Peter 3:1-18

Key Verse: 3:11-12a

“Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming…”

1. What was Peter’s purpose in writing his two letters? (1-2) How can we cultivate “wholesome thinking[[1]](#footnote-1)?”(2; 2 Peter 1:16-21) What should we remember regarding the Lord’s command? (Matthew 24:30; Mark 14:62)

2. Of what danger does Peter warn? (3-4) What truth have the scoffers forgotten and why? (5-6; Genesis 1:1-2, 6:5-7) Who are the modern-day scoffers? What will happen to the present heavens and earth and why? (7)

3. What do verses 8-10 teach us about God’s promise and his timetable? Why is God patient? (9) What is the “day of the Lord”? (10, Isaiah 13:9) What does “come like a thief” mean to us? (Matthew 24:43-44)

4. In light of this, what kind of people ought we to be? (11-12) What is our glorious hope? (13; Revelation 21:1-4, 22:12-14) Why is it important for us to “look forward to the day of God” and “speed its coming?” (Matthew 24:14)

5. With this hope, what must we do? (14) Consider what Paul said about God’s patience. (15-16; Romans 2:4-5; 1 Timothy 2:3-4) How can we “be on our guard?” (17) In what ways should we grow, and why is this significant? (18; 2 Peter 1:2-3)

1. The words “wholesome thinking” are also translated “pure minds” (NKJV) and “sincere mind.” (ESV, NASB)

   2. The word “everything” in verse 10 is also translated “works.” (NKJV, ESV, NASB) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)