

Like Precious Faith Stirred To Remembrance 2 Peter 3.1-13¹

In our Study of Second Peter we have been reminded of the content of our “Like Precious Faith.”

In the previous chapter we saw,

- The False Teachers that are among us and how to identify them.
- The Characteristics of these false teachers

In the midst of a world permeated with false teachers we must Remember the Doctrines that are the bedrock of our Precious Faith.

*2 Peter 3:1–2 - This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I **stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:** ²That ye may **be mindful of the words** which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:*

Rev 3.7

We must always be **stirred to remembrance** of this precious Word of God, the source of all biblical faith, so that we do not stumble with the false teachings of the multitudes of false teachers around us. We must be **stirred to remember** and to know what we believe based on the Word of God.

We are warned and reminded that we must cleave to the never changing Word of God in these last days,

In Revelation we read of the Church in Philadelphia, immediately preceding the Church **of the** Laodiceans,

***Revelation 3:7–13 -** And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; ⁸I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, **and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.** ⁹Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, **which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie [False Teachers];** behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. ¹⁰**Because thou hast kept the word of my patience,** I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon*

¹ Resourced from Adrian Rogers, What is the world coming to.

the earth. ¹¹Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.** ¹²Him that **overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. ¹³He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

We must be stirred to remembrance to cleave to the Word of God, in this time of the **Famine of the Word of God (Amos)**, in the midst of these False Teachers and scoffers.

This world and its prince (Lucifer, The Devil) will do everything they can to rip the Word of God out of your hands. **Be stirred to remembrance** to cleave to the Word of God and never let it slip from your heart and mind.

Things to remember in these last days.

A. The Scoffing Denials Of The Lord's Coming (vs 3) – These oppose the coming of Christ through,

- **Emotional Opposition (vs 3) - Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **scoffers**, walking after their own lusts, – Scoffing, Mocking - They do this by mocking Christ.**

Prov 1.22

Proverbs 1:22–33 - How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the **scorners delight in their scorning,** and fools hate knowledge? ²³Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. ²⁴**Because I have called, and ye refused;** I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; ²⁵**But ye have set at nought all my counsel,** and would none of my reproof: ²⁶**I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;** ²⁷When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ²⁸**Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer;** they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ²⁹For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: ³⁰They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. ³¹**Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.** ³²For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. ³³**But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.**

These scoffed at and mocked God, but God will laugh last in the judgment. Do not go the way of the scoffer.

- **Intellectual Opposition (vs 4)** – *And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, **all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*** - **Scientific Approach.** These materialist do not believe that there will ever be a break in the **events of natural law.** They think there is no reason to believe that there will be a supernatural event to break the events of natural law.

The think that nothing will ever change the laws of physics and yet God is supernatural

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- **Volitional Opposition (vs 5)** - *For this they **willingly are ignorant of,** that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: – **The Will.***

Things To Remember In these Last Days,

A. The Scoffing Denials of the Lord's Coming
- Emotional Opposition – Mocking

There are many who cannot find Christ for the same reason a thief cannot find a policeman, because a Criminal does not want to find law enforcement; so a scoffer does not want to find God and His truth.

B. The Scriptural Declaration of the Lord's Coming

How do we know Jesus is coming again?

1. **By His Promises (vs 1-2)** - *This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: ²That ye may be mindful of **the words which were spoken** before by the holy prophets, and of the **commandment of us the apostles** of the Lord and Saviour: - This is the Old Testament and the New Testament. This is the whole Word of God.*

In spite of all this mockery. In spite of all these denials. **Remember the Word of God and the Promises of God.**

*2 Peter 3:4 - And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** . . .*

*2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning **his promise,** . . .*

How do I know that Jesus is coming again? Because of the Word of God.

- The New Birth is important, but the New Birth is mentioned only nine (9) times in the Bible.

- Baptism is important, but baptism is only mentioned twenty (20) times in the Bible
- Repentance is important, but it is only mentioned seventy (70) times in the Bible
- The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is mentioned 380 times **in the New Testament**, and over 1200 times in the entire Word of God.

Through out the whole bible one in every twenty five verses speak of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We know from the Promises contained in the Word of God or the Revelation of the Word of God that **the second coming of our Lord is two fold.** There is,

- **The Rapture for the Redeemed – The Sons Bride, the Church**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 - But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵For this we say unto you **by the word of the Lord**, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up together** with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

- **The Return for Israel – The Father’s Wife**

Revelation 19:11–16 - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹²His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies which

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1. By His Promises

were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

2. **By His Power (vs 5)** - *For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:* - This speaks of our Lord's supernatural, almighty power.

They want to say that all things have continued as they were and God has not intervened. But God has intervened.

When did God intervene?

- **At Creation (vs 5)** – *For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:* - By the simple but powerful Word of God. God spoke and it was.
- **At Noah's Flood (vs 6)** - *Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:*
- **Through the preservation of this corrupt world (vs 7)** - *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word are kept in store,** . . . – What would this world be if left in human hands without the **preservation power of God?***
- **At the coming day of Judgment (vs 7)** - *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.***

2 Peter 3:10–13 - *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 melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.** ¹¹Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be** in all holy conversation*

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and godliness, ¹²Looking for and hasting 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? ¹³Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

The big bang is yet to come (vs 10) and with great heat (vs 10)

You think that God has not intervened? God has and will continue to intervene.

3. **By His Patience (vs 4, 8) - And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? . . .**

The answer is simple and given in our text.

2 Peter 3:8–9 - But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

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2. By His Power

These scoffers are ignorant of what God has done and what God is like.

God is not restricted by time He controls time and His time and our time are not the same.

The reason God has not come is because He is merciful.

2 Peter 3:15 - And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; . . .

These scoffers would try to use God's mercy against Him, yet His mercy is extended and reaching to even these scoffers and mockers.

C. The Sovereign Demands of the Lord's Coming (vs 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,

If everything in this world will one day be destroyed by fire and there is a day of judgment and a new day coming, how should you be living your life?

Our Duty (Job) as we wait on our Lord's coming is to get as many people saved as we can.

*2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

It is not God's will that any one should perish. It is God declared and revealed Word that all should come to repentance and be saved.

Why did America come into being? Our first amendment gives us freedom of speech the freedom to openly and loudly proclaim the Word of God and the Gospel of Christ.

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