Press on to Heaven

Greg Kline · 2 Peter 3:1–13

INTRODUCTION

- Open your Bibles with me to 2 Peter chapter 3.
- Note what's written, what's going on, what the people are facing, and what they're encouraged to do.

1 Where Is the Promise of His Coming?

2 Peter 3:3–7

- Scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, Where is the promise of his coming?
- They were saying, Where is the promise of his coming? Everything's happening the way it always has.
- Of course, the day of the Lord is coming, even though all this time has passed, even since the cross.
- But the challenge is do we fulfill what Peter says would manifest itself as part of that understanding?

2 The Lord Is Not Slow to Fulfill His Promise

2 Peter 3:8–10

- Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
- But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

3 Lives of Holiness and Godliness

2 Peter 3:11–13

- Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness.
- According to his promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- Those who actually act, understand, and have faith that the Lord is coming. That is people who will be living lives of holiness and godliness.

4 Waiting For and Hastening the Day of the Lord

2 Peter 3:12; 2 Peter 3:8; 2 Peter 3:7

- There's a big difference between waiting for something and hastening for it.
- Do we really want the day of the Lord to come? Would we want that day to be now?
- If we're going to be there with God, we want that day today. Amen. But if we don't, it's a fearful day.
- The point is made clearly that God's time is beyond ours.

- Are we waiting for and hastening the day of the Lord? Do we truly believe that Jesus would come?
- The same God who did create the heavens and the earth is the same God who flooded the world with water.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **There's a great day coming, brothers and sisters. It could be great or it could be tragic. The good news is God has made the choice available to each one of us this very morning.**

MY NOTES