

“GOD PROMISES”

–Live with the anticipation of Christ’s return–

2 Peter 3:1-18

Introduction:

I. There are people who _____ God’s promise concerning the Day of the Lord.vv.3-4

A. The biggest reason they don’t is to _____ their evil behaviors and lifestyle.v.3

1. They hedge their bet on one fact alone:

II. We shouldn’t feel _____ around people who don’t believe that God will keep His promise about the day of the Lord.vv.1-2, 5-10; 15-16

A. We should hold on to what the _____ have taught us.vv.1-2

1. We may need to be _____, too.

B. We should lovingly point out a few things to those who scoff at God’s promise.vv.5-10, 15

1. They may be _____ something.vv.5-7

2. Time doesn’t work _____ the promise; it actually works _____ it.vv.8-9, 15

3. The Day of the Lord will come _____.v.10

C. We should be the kind of people that God can use _____ for the gospel.vv.11-14, 17-18

1. We should be people who live _____ and _____ lives.vv.11, 14, 17b

a. We _____ from anything sinful.

b. We engage in a life of good _____ and _____.

c. We pursue this kind of life with great _____.v.14

d. We guard ourselves against error so we won’t _____ down.v.17

2. We should be people who look forward to Christ’s _____ and our eternal [home.vv.12-13](#)

3. We should be people who _____ with anyone we can.v.12b

4. We should be people who are _____ in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.v.18

(ANSWERS: I. don’t believe; A. protect; II. intimidated; A. Scriptures; 1. reminded;

B. 1. forgetting; 2. against/for; 3. unexpectedly; C. to reach others; 1. holy/godly; a. separate;

b. works/worship; c. effort; d. fall; 2. return; 3. share the gospel; 4. growing)

Questions for reflection or discussion based on the sermon, “God Promises,” message #5 from the Memos from Heaven series:

Getting started: Read the text (2 Peter 3:1-18). Did God speak to you through the sermon? If so, what did he say?

Content: The main idea of this passage is that regardless of scoffers and skeptics, we can be confident in God’s promise of Christ’s return. Considering this, answer the following questions:

1. In our society, how believable is Christ’s return? What about within the church, is it markedly different?
2. How often does your belief in Christ’s return change your behavior or motivation for doing something? When was the last time you reminded someone of the possibility of Christ’s soon return?
3. What is the rationale that unbelievers use primarily to discount any confidence in Christ’s return? With whom or in what settings have you observed this?
4. What, according to this passage, is good about the Lord not having returned just yet (v.9)? How are you personally leveraging this reality in your life at the present time?
5. Knowing Christ will return, how should the believer live (according to vv.11-12). Where do you see evidence of this in your own life?

Wrapping up: Take time to ask God to make you more aware and to anticipate to a much greater degree, Christ’s return. Thank Him for giving us more time (as he tarries) to reach more people with the gospel.