

PROMISES

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:8-13

December 30, 2020

Message: Do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God. We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

Advent is over and we just celebrated God's promise of the Messiah. Advent is always a time of waiting filled with much preparation and anticipation. Are you preparing for and filled with as much anticipation for His Second Coming -- a promise yet to be fulfilled?

In scripture above, Peter shares words of encouragement and instruction as we wait on the fulfillment of that promise. Notice how he addresses believers as "dear friends" (beloved in some translations). I don't know about you, but that causes me to want to pay attention.

Peter begins by saying God's timing is not the same as ours and that He is not slow in keeping His promise but is patient. As much as I would like to see Jesus come soon, I am thankful He is patient because I have family and friends who haven't been saved.

Peter offers instructions on how we should live while looking forward to that day -- live holy and godly lives which will help to speed up that day. He finishes this piece of scripture telling all believers that because of God's promise all things will be new and righteousness will reign. What a time that will be!

How are you preparing and anticipating for the fulfillment of the promise of His Second Coming?

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, We come to you with hearts full of praise. You shower us daily with your love, mercy and grace. Thank you. We thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus and the promise He will return. While we wait, may your Word continue to encourage and instruct us daily. Please continue to draw all to you, so that none will be lost. In Jesus, holy and precious name, we pray. Amen.

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