

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

THE COMBAT FAITH SERIES

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 3:1-9

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“Any Day Now – Part 2”

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

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2 Peter 3:1-9

Beloved, I now write to you this second **epistle** (in both of which I **stir up** your **pure minds by way of reminder**), **2** that you 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 Savior, **3 knowing this first**: that **scoffers** will come in **the last days**, **walking** according to their own lusts, **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 creation.”* **5** For this they **willfully forget**: that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, **6** by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. **7** But the heavens and the earth which are now **preserved** by the same word, are **reserved for fire** until the day of **judgment** and **perdition of ungodly men**. **:8** But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord **one day** is as a **thousand years**, and a **thousand years as one day**. **9** The Lord is not **slack** concerning His promise, as some **count slackness**, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that **any** should perish but that **all** should **come to repentance**.

Peter’s intentions in his second epistle here was
not to teach us something new but rather to remind us of the things
that we already know!

“draw up from the well of memory”

To place it once again as front and center – to return back
to what is safe.”

Any Day Now

1.) It's a good day to know for sure

vs. 1-2

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know for sure.

1a.) That you are in the family of God

vs. 1a

:1a **Beloved**, I now write to you

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." **Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**

Notice That Salvation is a Faith Crisis

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know for sure.

1b.) That you have the mind of God

vs. 1b-2a

:2a this second **epistle**

(*in both of which I **stir up** your **pure** minds **by way of reminder***),
that you may be **mindful**...

Notice That Salvation is a Personal Relationship

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son **into your hearts**, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but **a son, and if a son**, then an heir of God through Christ.

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know for sure.

1c.) That you know the witness of God

vs. 2b

:2b of the words which were **spoken before** (#1) **by the holy prophets**, and of the **commandment of** (#2) **us**, the **apostles** of (#3) the **Lord and Savior**,

Notice That Salvation is a Definitive Experience

Romans 8:16

The Spirit {of God} Himself **bears witness** with our spirit
that **we are children of God**,

Any Day Now

2.) It's a good day to know you're ready

vs. 3-6

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know you're ready.

2a.) Being ready is being vigilant

vs. 3-4a

:3 knowing this **first**: that **scoffers** will come in **the last days**,
walking according to their own lusts, **4** and **saying**,
"Where is the promise of His coming"

:3a knowing this **first**:

In preparation for you being able to endure the Last Days –
Know This **"Future Truth"** First! / Right Now!

:3b that **scoffers** will come

scoffers **grk: empaiktes; emp-heek-tace** to make light of, to ridicule, to make a
mockery of, to belittle someone.

(this is an indicator – so look for it)

These men, with contempt concerning the return of Jesus
Christ, insist that there is no evidence from the days of creation - to this present
moment, that Jesus Christ would not soon return or ever return.

The scoffers, being unwilling, become unable to discern the
times and seasons regarding the last days events.

When you read about or talk to people who are cloaked with
Christianity but argue about the return of Jesus Christ – you may very well
possibly be talking to the scoffer predicted here in scripture.

There seems to be {a judgment} of God upon them now.

They are incapable and unwilling to discern the times
in which they live in light of scripture.

Matthew 16:1-4

Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. **2** He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; **3** and in the morning, "It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. **4** A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

:3c in the last days,

(this is an indicator – so look for it)

Titus 2:13

Looking for **{the blessed hope}**
and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit **eagerly wait** for **{the hope}** of righteousness by faith.

And So - The Result of True Faith,
in Believing That Jesus Christ is Soon to Return Is This...

Luke 12:35-36a

"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning;
36 and you yourselves **be like men who wait** for their master.

(there's a hint here of us remembering that the LORD had called His Israel out of Egypt - - when the Israelites were to be girded up and ready to go.)

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, **now** we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what **we shall be** {like}, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him **as He is**. **3** And everyone who has this hope **{in Him}** **purifies** himself, just as He is pure.

Purifies **grk: hagnizo**; to purify from filth, to cleanse yourself from defilement, to set yourself apart as a purified vessel or cup or container.

They are walking according to their own lusts,

4 and **saying**, “*Where is
the promise of His coming*”

This is NOT A QUESTION –
it’s a judgment call upon the believers and the teachings of the Bible.

The Attitude / Sentence Structure / and Intent is a very Militant One.

2 Peter 3:16b
...which **untaught** and **unstable** people **twist** to their own destruction,
as they do also the rest of the **Scriptures**.

Bend the Bible to Make it Fit Your Worldview.
(“Christians” who support, defend and vote for pro-choice abortionist)

And this is the justification for their actions...
“The Lord Isn’t Coming Back any time Soon or Ever.”

1 Timothy 4:1
Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some** will depart from the
faith, **giving heed** to **deceiving spirits** and **doctrines of demons**,

where **grk: pou**; to asking in such a way to be aggressive or spiteful, to
vehemently deny by challenging the existence of what is being discussed.

They’ll get angry about it. It’s a demonic reaction.

The Demon Powers, They Hate the Doctrine of His Return!

These are Deceiving Spirits
(these are satanic spirits-beings, whether they be fallen angles or demons)

They use other human beings to deceive other human beings.

What are the “doctrines of demons?”

All things a lie, to misdirect, to get off of the course or line, to trick, to alter the mind, to elevate emotions, to get you away from what is true & real.

1 Timothy 4:2

speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

They Teach That either Jesus
is not coming back soon / or He’s not coming back at all.
They deny what the bible teaches about Imminency.

Matthew 24:45-51

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know you’re ready.

2b.) Being ready is being knowledgeable

vs. 4b

:4b “For since the fathers fell asleep,
all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”

This is a remarkable statement here.

To say “**For since the fathers fell asleep**” is to say that nothing has happened yet - so why should we think anything is going to happen soon?

And to say “**all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation**” is to say that there will be no catastrophes in the future.

They Deny That Nagging Fear That’s Looming In Their Thoughts.

Psalms 14:1

The fool has **said** in his heart, “There is no God.”

Said grk: amar – to speak, to speak over and over again, to repeat mantra

John The Baptist Recognized Them

Matthew 3:7

But when John the Baptist saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ***“You Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”***

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know you’re ready.

2c.) Being ready is being wise

vs. 5-6

:5 For this they **willfully** forget: that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, **6** by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

This is How It Happens

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that **they are without excuse**,

It’s exactly what you’ve read in your old testament when...

Noah said: “Judgement is Coming” or when Jeremiah said: “Judgement is Coming”
Or when Joel said; “Judgement is Coming”

Romans 1:21-22

because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:24

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

A Sneak Peek Ahead

:9 The Lord is not **slack** concerning His promise, as some **count** slackness, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that **any** should perish but that **all** should **come to repentance**.

Isaiah 45:21-22

Declare what is to be, present it — let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and Savior; there is none but me. :22 **“Turn to me and be saved**, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

End of Study

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