

Sunday, 05-28-2023

Hope in the Day of the Lord
Bible Background: 2 Peter 3
Printed Text: 2 Peter 3:1-15A KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: John 14:1-7

Aim for Change:

- **UNDERSTAND** the significance of holy living.
 1. How do I **UNDERSTAND** the significance of holy living?
 - **FEEL CONFIDENT** that Christ will return for His Church.
 2. Do I have enough faith to **FEEL CONFIDENT** that Christ will return for His church?
 - **ANTICIPATE** the day when God will make all things new.
 3. How can I **ANTICIPATE** the day when God will make all things new?
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Devotional Reading: Saturday: I Will Come Again – John 14:1-7; John 1:14-17; 11:25-26; 12:23-36.

- If I genuinely believe in God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, how do I let my heart become troubled? How well do I know the Father through Jesus?
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Focal Verses – The Promise of the Lord’s Coming – 2 Peter 3:1-15a

1. **Believe God’s Word (vv. 1-4) – Acts 2:17-21; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2 Peter 2:1-10**
 - Does my mind get stirred up by reading the word of God? What area(s) of memory do I need awakened? Is my mindset the same as scoffers, so I play church? *What three (3) things does Peter want to remind the people of?*
 2. **Believe in God’s Creation (vv. 5-9) – Genesis 1:9-10; 9:11; Deuteronomy 32:16-28; Psalm 90:4; Isaiah 66:15-17; Hebrews 11:1-3**
 - How strong is my ignorance in neglecting God’s word/direction? Am I making the same mistakes as unbelievers? If so, what really has changed since my salvation? How have I turned my life around for Jesus? What am I doing with my time while waiting for Jesus’ return? *Why is the Lord delaying His coming and execution of judgment on the world?*
 3. **Believe in God’s Promise (vv. 10-13) – Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:36-51; Galatians 4:8-11; Revelation 3:1-6**
 - How prepared am I to stand the heat? Am I striving to develop more of a Christlike character while waiting for His return?
 4. **Be Spotless, Blameless, and at Peace with Him (vv. 14-15a) – 1 Peter 1:13-25**
 - What do I want to be caught doing when Christ returns? *How does society perpetuate the idea of living just for the now?*
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday: Distressing Times Will Come – 2 Timothy 3:1-9**
 - How does my sin keep me from the knowledge of the truth in Jesus?
- **Tuesday: Warnings for False Prophets – Jeremiah 23:23-32**
 - Am I speaking God’s word faithfully? How am I using God’s word with my neighbors?
- **Wednesday: Warnings for Rich Oppressors – James 5:1-6**
 - Am I being stingy with what God gave me? How are His people benefiting from it?
- **Thursday: Return to the Lord – Hosea 14:1-7**
 - Do I deserve God’s forgiveness for my sins? How has He shown me mercy?
- **Friday: Teaching the Ways of God – Micah 4:1-5**
 - In whose name am I walking in?

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