

One More Thing

2 Peter 3

Brevity of life

- We 'come' before Lord does
- Eternity – 2 Pt.3

We prepare for the future (eternity)
by remembering lessons of the past.

I. Peter's Passion, 1-2

Souls of loved ones at stake

- Beloved (8, 14, 15, 17)
 - Love: the greatest motive.
 - We warn loved ones of danger.

Souls of loved ones at stake

- Beloved (8, 14, 15, 17)
- Now – time sensitive.
 - Procrastination steals souls.
 - ‘Tomorrow’ – a thief.

He planned to be all that a
Christian should be – tomorrow

Souls of loved ones at stake

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- Stir up – in both epistles
 - Not enough to ‘know’; must do.
 - Preparation for eternity requires action – Mt.25.

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- Pure minds –
 - Sincere, without hidden motives or pretense.

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- Pure minds – sincere
- Remembrance –
 - We forget things we are not passionate about.
 - 1 Co.11
 - Mt.26

I. Peter's Passion, 1-2

II. Peter's Plea, 2...

1-2nd epistles remind and repeat

- We do not get everything the first time.
- Even if we understand, we get more next time.
- Repetition: ‘a key learning aid’ (3:15-16)
 - Peter repeats himself ... and Paul.

‘It is frequent repetition that produces a natural tendency’ – Aristotle

I. Peter's Passion, 1-2

II. Peter's Plea, 1-2

III. Peter's Purpose, 2...

Words spoken by holy prophets...

- 1:5-11 – eternal goals, spiritual growth.
- 1:16-21 – evidence: basis of faith; word of eyewitnesses.
 - 1:12-15, willing to undergo torture, die...
- 3:...14-18 – endurance.
 - 2: remember prophets
 - 3-6: reject phonies
 - 5: realize people will distort facts

Words spoken by holy prophets...

Word and water in Creation, 5
(the beginning)

Word and water in Flood, 6
(end of the beginning)

Word and fire in End, 7
(beginning of the end)

Words spoken by holy prophets...

- 3:8 –God is not bound by time.
 - Explains apparent delay (3-4).
 - Does not give rule for interpreting prophecy. If so . . .

8a: proves one day is 1000 years

8b: proves 1000 years is one day

- His delay should not cause doubt, but devotion –
 - Giving time for all to repent (9).

Words spoken by holy prophets...

- 3:9 –God is not slow; time serves His purpose.
 - Gn.3:15 – 4000 years

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To reduce something into its components.
Of the parts of the universe, as it is broken
up and destroyed in the final conflagration
2 Pt.3:10-12 –BDAG.

[Used three times: 10, 11, 12.]

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 - **Big bang**
 - **Global warming**
 - **Endangered species...**

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 - 12: heavens **on fire, dissolve**; elements (heavenly bodies) **melt with fervent heat**.
 - **When:** day of God ... 7: day of judgment

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 - {D} rating

What would *discovered* mean in context?

So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am the Lord – Ezk.13:14

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“Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the field, Places for planting a vineyard; I will pour down her stones into the valley, And I will uncover her foundations”

– Mic.1:6

Fire



Tornado



Words spoken by holy prophets...

- 3:13 –His promise; our *look for* (hope)

2 Pt.3:13

‘look for new
heavens and
new earth’

1 Pt.1:4

‘inheritance
...reserved in
heaven for you’

- Col.1:5, ‘the hope which is laid up for you in heaven.’
- Mt.6:20, ‘lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...’

Words spoken by holy prophets...

- 3:14 –our goal: peace, without spot, blemish
- 3:17 –forewarned is forearmed.
 - Danger: being “*led away*” ... (Ga.2:13)
 - Paul’s word for Barnabas: “*led away*...”
 - “Beloved” (v.15)
- 3:18 –spiritual growth is surest defense against apostasy.