



Day of the Lord

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TODAY'S READING: 2 Peter 3

What do you believe? Do you believe that we are in the Last Days of this wicked system of things? Believe it or not, most people do not. They go about their lives as if they do not have a care in the world. They are so caught up in themselves, that they cannot see past their own sinful wants and desires. The apostle Peter spoke to this type of individuals in the passage, *"knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?'"* (vv. 3-4a).

This is not so for us, the followers of Christ. We know and understand that the fullness of time is before us. Our Heavenly Father initiated this time when He came to earth and dwelt among His created beings. Through Jesus, His Son, the time was appointed and His purpose was carried out.

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5 NKJV). Some, in their disbelief, will have a hard time accepting this like the scoffers in our passage. They may say, "Why has it taken so long for the end to come?" That would be a very fair question. Peter answers this in verse 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."*

So, my brothers and sisters, what are we to do considering these things? Are we to be cowering in a corner? Are we to sell all our possessions and become a monk? Soothsayer? What are we to do? Peter answers this very pertinent question as well, we are to be steadfast in our walk with Christ! *"Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation"* (vv. 14-15a). We are to look forward to these things!

I do understand that the things identified in the passage sounds intimidating and horrifying, *"...heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up"* (vs. 10). However, before there can be any renewal, there first needs to be a cleansing and you cannot cleanse without heat. A refining process is necessary. It is only then, we, the followers of Christ, will see the promise of all those who endure and persevere in these horrific times, *"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells"* (vs. 13).

Yes, my friends, we believe the Master! We believe everything that the Father has said and commanded. We do not question God! We only need to obey and follow. Again, obey and follow! It is not up to us to know the day or time by which these things will take place. Peter said they will come as a thief in the night. I encourage everyone to heed Peter's counsel,

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (vs. 18a). This is the most we can do as we see the days growing worse and the people of God being fewer in number. But please do not worry, these things must take place and then the end will come.

PRAYER: Our Father in the Heavens, Jehovah God, we thank You for blessing us with Jesus. We thank You, Father, for your Word and your Holy Spirit helping us understand You better. Father, please continue to bless us with knowledge about the things that must take place. Please help those who do not believe with their unbelief so they will have the ability to grow in grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ. We ask this in His matchless name, Amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: John 1

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