

2 Peter 3:8-13

⁸ Beloved, do not let this one thing escape your notice: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise as some understand slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a rushing roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and its works will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to conduct yourselves in holiness and godliness ¹² as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with God's promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

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⁸ You whom I love, do not let this one thing be hidden from you: that one day with the Lord, is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise as some understand slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ However, the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be dissolved in intense heat, and the earth and its works will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be dissolved in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to conduct yourselves in holiness and devotion to God ¹² as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will be dissolved by fire and the elements will melt in intense heat. ¹³ But in keeping with His promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

My own literal translation

1

What day is it? 2 Peter 3:8-13

This is every day. 3:8-9

This is the day of God's patience. 9 "He is patient with you"

This is the day of human repentance. 9b "everyone to come to repentance"

This is the Last Day. 3:10

This is the day when Jesus may come as a thief. 10a "will come like a thief"

This is the day when the world may end in fire. 10 “will be destroyed by fire”

This is today. 3:11-13

This is the day when the world may end in fire. 12 “will be destroyed by fire”

This is the day when the world may be renewed. 13 “looking forward to...”

2

Running out of time. 2 Peter 3:8-13

We have enough time. 3:8-9

We have time to choose. 8 “a day is like a thousand years”

We have time to change. 9 “everyone to come to repentance”

We will be out of time. 3:10

The elements will end. 10a “the elements will be destroyed by fire”

The earth will end. 10b “the earth and its works will be laid bare”

We must maximise time. 3:11-13

Anticipate the end. 11 “...what kind of people ought you to be?”

Anticipate the beginning. 13 “a new heaven and a new earth”

3

What is the world coming to? 2 Peter 3:8-13

God’s purpose - of days becoming years. 3:8-9

We realise God’s patience. 9 “He is patient with you”

We repent of our problems. 9b “come to repentance”

God’s program - ends on the very last day. 3:10

End of the physical universe. 10a “elements will be destroyed”

Exposure of spiritual reasoning. 10b “works will be laid bare”

God’s people - in action every single day. 3:11-13

Holiness hastens the end. 11-12 “in holiness... hasten the coming”

Righteousness reigns in the end. 13 “where righteousness dwells”

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Finding the best way forward. 2 Peter 3:8-13

The way out. 3:8-9

My direction. 8 “this one thing”

My decision. 9 “come to repentance”

The way in. 3:10-12

Jesus’ return is unexpected. 10 “like a thief”

Jesus’ return is uncompromising. 10b “laid bare”

The way up. 3:11, 13

My holiness. 11 “holiness and godliness”

My hope. 13 “new heaven and a new earth”

5

The end of the world. 2 Peter 3:8-13

Why the world has not yet come to an end. 3:8-9

The world exists because God’s nature is patience. 9 “He is patient with you”

The world exists because God is waiting for one person. 9 “come to repentance”

When we can expect the world to come to an end. 3:10-12

The world ends without warning. 10 “like a thief”

The world ends without preparing. 10b “will disappear”

What we can do to prepare for the world to come to an end. 3:11, 13

This world needs your holiness. 11 “holiness and godliness”

This world needs replacing. 13 “new heaven and a new earth”

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Real life in the real world. 2 Peter 3:8-13

Real life deepens with repentance. 3:8-9

Your move, not God’s. 9a “not slow... but patient”

Let go, and move on. 9b “come to repentance”

Real life flourishes with holiness. 3:10-11

Don’t get comfortable in the temporary. 10 “elements will be destroyed”

Do get comfortable in what is coming. 11 “conduct yourselves in holiness”

Real life culminates in righteousness. 3:12-13

The Kingdom comes when God’s will is done. 12 “hasten the coming”

The Kingdom comes when God’s will rules. 13 “righteousness dwells”

Other possible titles

How to hurry the Second Coming
Giving Jesus a 'Hurry up'
Don't get too comfortable down here
Jesus is coming like a thief in the night

Quotes and illustrations

Psalm 90

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under...heaven" (v. 1, KJV)

"Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath." Psalm 39:4-5

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. (James 4:13–16)

"If people threw away their money as thoughtlessly as they throw away their time, we would think them insane. Yet time is infinitely more precious than money because money can't buy time" (Don Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines*, 137–138).

Greek lexicon

do not let this one thing **escape your notice**, v8

The verb λανθάνω [Strong's 2990] means 'hidden, concealed, unaware, escape notice'. This word occurs only 6 times in the Greek New Testament, including twice (33%) in 2 Peter. It's occurrences are Mark 7:24, Luke 8:47, Acts 26:26, Hebrews 13:2, 2 Peter 3:5, and 3:8.

The Lord does not **delay** the promise, as some esteem **slowness**, v9

The **verb** βραδύνω [Strong's 1019] means 'be slow, delay, tarry, to loiter, retard, be late'. This word occurs, as a verb, only twice in Scripture, in 1 Timothy 3:15, and in 2 Peter 3:9a, "The Lord does not **delay** the promise".

The cognate **adjective** βραδύς [Strong's 1021] means 'slow'. In a negative sense it could be used as 'slow-witted'. In a positive sense it could be used as 'thoughtfully deliberate'. This word is used adjectivally only 3 times in 2 verses in the Greek New Testament, in Luke 24:25, James 1:19, 1:19.

The cognate **noun** βραδυτής [Strong's 1022] means 'delay, slowness, tardiness'. This word occurs, as a noun, on once in the Greek New Testament, being here in 2 Peter 3:9a. "...as some esteem **slowness**,"

...not **willing** that any should perish, but for all to come to repentance. v9

The **verb** βούλομαι [Strong's 1014] means 'determined intention, plan with full resolve, committed purpose'. It means far more than wishful thinking. It occurs 37 times in the Greek New Testament, including once in 2 Peter 3:9.

The cognate **noun** βούλημα [Strong's 1013] means 'purpose, intention, will'. It occurs 3 times in the Greek New Testament, including once in 1 Peter 4:3.

The cognate **noun** βουλή [Strong's 1012] means 'purpose, plan, decision, counsel'. It occurs 12 times in the Greek New Testament, but not in Peter.

The cognate **verb** βουλεύω [Strong's 1011] means 'plan, deliberate, resolve'. It occurs 6 times in the Greek New Testament, but not in Peter.

The other word used to identify God's will is the noun θέλημα [Strong's 2307] which is most often translated as 'will', but also means 'preference, preferred will, desire'. For example:

For it is God's **will** that you should be holy: You must abstain from sexual immorality;
1 Thessalonians 4:3, BSB

Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's **will** for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18, BSB

For it is God's **will** that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of foolish men. 1 Peter 2:15, BSB

This noun occurs 63 times in the Greek New Testament, including 5 times in Peter.

For it is God's **will** that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of foolish men. 1 Peter 2:15, BSB

For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 1 Peter 3:17, BSB

Consequently, he does not live out his remaining time on earth for human passions, but for the **will** of God. 1 Peter 4:2, BSB

So then, those who suffer according to God's **will** should entrust their souls to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Peter 4:19, BSB

For no such prophecy was ever brought forth by the **will** of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21, BSB

The heavens will pass away with a **rushing roar**, v10a

The adverb ροιζηδόν [Strong's 4500] is derived from the verb ροιζο which means 'the whooshing sound of an arrow rushing past'. This word occurs only here in the Greek New Testament.

Pass away, v10

The verb παρέρχομαι [Strong's 3928] is a compound word consisting of prefix preposition παρά [Strong's 3844] meaning 'beside, alongside, adjacent'; plus the verb ἔρχομαι [Strong's 2064] which is usually translated into English as 'come, came' but could frequently be translated as 'go, went'. For example, When the wise men presented their gifts to the infant Jesus, either, "they came into the house" or "they went into the house" (Matthew 2:11). As a compound verb παρέρχομαι means 'to pass by, to pass away, to be rendered null and void.'

This verb occurs 30 times in the Greek New Testament, including twice in 1 and 2 Peter.

For you have spent enough time **in the past** carrying out the same desires as the Gentiles: living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and detestable idolatry. 1 Peter 4:3, BSB

But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will **disappear** with a roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and its works will be laid bare. 2 Peter 3:10, BSB

Element, v10, 12

The noun στοιχεῖον [Strong's 4747] means 'an element, rudiment, first principle, basic building block, primary component, one in a series'. In this context, a scientific translation

could be 'sub-atomic particles'. This word occurs 7 time in the Greek New Testament, including twice in Peter's letters, 2 Peter 3:10, 12.

¹⁰ But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the **elements** will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and its works will be laid bare... ¹² as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the **elements** will melt in the heat. 2 Peter 3:10, 12, BSB

Dissolved, v10

The verb λύω [Strong's 3089] means 'loose, release, unbind, untie, let go, dissolve, unhinder, unfetter, unfasten, set free from bonds'.

This verb occurs 42 times in the Greek New Testament, including 3 times in 2 Peter 3:10-12.

¹⁰ But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be **destroyed** by fire, and the earth and its works will be laid bare. ¹¹ Since everything will be **destroyed** in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to conduct yourselves in holiness and godliness ¹² as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will be **destroyed** by fire and the elements will melt in the heat. 2 Peter 3:10-12, BSB

Heat of the fire, v10, 12

The verb καυσώ [Strong's 2741] comes from the root word, καίω [Strong's 2545], a verb meaning 'burn, consume with fire, ignite'.

A different word is the noun πῦρ [Strong's 4442] which means 'fire' and is the root of our English word 'pyre'. It is often used as an image of Hell (Matthew 5:22).

This verb, καυσώ, emphasizes not just the fact of a fire but the effect of that fire. Hence, it means 'to burn up, suffer feverish burning, to burn away'. This is an infrequently used form of καίω and in the Greek New Testament καυσώ occurs only in 2 Peter 3:10, 12.

¹⁰ But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be destroyed **by fire**, and the earth and its works will be laid bare... ¹² as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will be destroyed **by fire** and the elements will melt in the heat. 2 Peter 3:10, 12, BSB

Devotion to God, v11

The verb εὐσέβεια [Strong's 2150] is a compound word comprised of the prefix adverb εὖ [Strong's 2095] meaning 'well, good, right', plus the verb σέβομαι [Strong's 4576] meaning 'reverence, veneration, adoration, worship'. Hence, εὐσέβεια means 'godliness, piety, devotion to God'.

This word occurs 15 time in the Greek New Testament, including 4 times in 2 Peter.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and **godliness** through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3, BSB

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, **godliness**; ⁷ and to **godliness**, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 2 Peter 1:6-7, BSB

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to conduct yourselves in holiness and **godliness** 2 Peter 3:11

Commentary

There is a theory, that, contrary to logic, has gained popularity. This theory proposes a secret rapture Second Coming (called the Day of Christ), and a later visible Second Coming (called the Day of the Lord). This novel theory collapses under the scrutiny of those terms in their Scriptural context. If the Day of Christ is a different Second Coming from the Day of the Lord, then logically, there must also be ten Second Comings to account for the ten Biblical uses of the word 'day' to describe the Second Coming. Those terms are:

The Day of the Lord

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and clouds of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and glorious **day of the Lord**. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Acts 2:19-21

⁴When you are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, along with the power of the Lord Jesus, ⁵hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the **day of the Lord**. 1 Corinthians 5:4-5

You are fully aware that the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief in the night. 1 Thessalonians 5:2

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be easily disconcerted or alarmed by any spirit or message or letter presuming to be from us and alleging that the **day of the Lord** has already come. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be dissolved in the fire, and the earth and its works will not be found. 2 Peter 3:10

Day of the Lord Jesus

¹³For we do not write you anything that is beyond your ability to read and understand. And I hope that you will understand completely, ¹⁴as you have already understood us in part, so that you may boast of us just as we will boast of you in the **day of our Lord Jesus**. 2 Corinthians 1:13-14

Day of the Lord Jesus Christ

⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the **day of our Lord Jesus Christ**. 1 Corinthians 1:7-8

Day of Christ Jesus

I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will continue to perfect it until the **day of Christ Jesus**. Philippians 1:6

Day of Christ

That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the **day of Christ**. Philippians 1:10

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the **day of Christ** that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Philippians 2:16

Day of God

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the **day of God's** wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. Romans 2:5

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the **day of God** and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:11-13

They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great **day of God** Almighty.
Revelation 16:14

Day of the Son of Man

²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, 'The coming of the Kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, ²¹ nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the Kingdom of God is in your midst.'

²² Then he said to his disciples, 'The time is coming when you will long to see one of the **days of the Son of Man**, but you will not see it. ²³ People will tell you, "There he is!" or "Here he is!" Do not go running off after them. ²⁴ For **the Son of Man in his day** will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶ 'Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in **the days of the Son of Man**.

²⁷ People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

²⁸ 'It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹ But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulphur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

³⁰ 'It will be just like this on **the day the Son of Man** is revealed. ³¹ On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. ³² Remember Lot's wife! ³³ Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ Two women will be grinding corn together; one will be taken and the other left.'

³⁷ 'Where, Lord?' they asked. He replied, 'Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.' Luke 17:20-37

His day

For the Son of Man in **His day** will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. Luke 17:24

That day,

Many will say to me on **that day**, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'
Matthew 7:22

But about **that day** or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Matthew 24:36

I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until **that day** when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom. Matthew 26:29

But about **that day** or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 13:32

Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until **that day** when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. Mark 14:25

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and **that day** will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Luke 21:33-35

Do not let anyone deceive you in any way, for **that day** will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 2 Thessalonians 2:3

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until **that day**. 2 Timothy 1:12

¹⁶ May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ¹⁷ On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. ¹⁸ May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on **that day**! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus. 2 Timothy 1:16-18

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on **that day**—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. **That day** will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:11-13

The day,

This will take place on **the day** when God judges people’s secrets, through Jesus Christ, as my Gospel declares. Romans 2:16

A thief in the night

Part of that same secret rapture theory is the mistaken belief that because Jesus comes like a thief to take His church, the world will not see Him come. This part of that erroneous theory is also contradicted by Scripture. Look at the ‘thief’ references:

¹Now about the times and seasons, brothers, we do not need to write to you. ²For you are fully aware that the Day of the Lord will come **like a thief in the night**. ³While people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will come upon them suddenly, like labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you, brothers, are not in the darkness so that this day should overtake you **like a thief**.

1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4

¹⁰But the Day of the Lord will come **like a thief**. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and its works will be laid bare. ¹¹Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to conduct yourselves in holiness and godliness ¹²as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³But in keeping with God's promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:10-13

²Wake up and strengthen what remains, which was about to die; for I have found your deeds incomplete in the sight of My God. ³Remember, then, what you have received and heard. Keep it and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come **like a thief**, and you will not know the hour when I will come upon you. Revelation 3:3

¹⁵"Behold, I am coming **like a thief**. Blessed is the one who remains awake and clothed, so that he will not go naked and let his shame be exposed." Revelation 16:15

The Scriptures about Jesus coming like a thief indicate that the time of His coming will not be known, but the fact of His coming will be obvious.

Music and songs

Songs about the day, v8

Are you ready? (David Meece)

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker (Getty)

Revive us O Lord... teach us to number our days (Rob Smith) Ot 3

This is the day that the Lord has made

Songs about God's patience, v8-9

Songs about repentance, v9

All to Jesus I surrender, Ch 398

Change my heart O God, 482

Have you been to Jesus... Are you washed in the blood, H 640

Just as I am, H 392

King of my life I crown Thee now... Lead me to Calvary, H 666

Songs about the Second Coming, v10, 12

All hail King Jesus, 237 / SiS 219

All Heaven declares the glory (Fettke)

At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, H 191

Glory and power t to the One Who loves us... See Him coming, Ot 5

I keep looking up (Brian Free)

Jesus is coming (Somebody's coming, Gaither)

Jesus is coming again, CWH 91

Jesus is coming soon, CWH 71

Jesus is coming soon, (Winsett)

King of Kings and Lord of lords, SiS 409

Lo, He comes with clouds descending, H 200

Looking for the city, Ot 106

Mansion over the hilltop, CWH 107

Marvellous message we bring... Jesus is coming again, CWH 91

See Him coming, Ot 5

Sing we the King who is coming to reign, H 204

The King is coming (Newsboys), Ot 40

There's a land that is fairer... In the sweet by and by, H 698

There's a light upon the mountains, H 199

There's gonna be a better day (Gaither)

Troublesome times are here... Jesus is coming soon.

Watch ye therefore... I shall wear a crown

When the saints go marching in

When the trumpet of the Lord... When the roll is called up yonder, H 708

Songs about holy living, v11

Let Your Kingdom come, Ot 12

Live for the Kingdom, Ot 15

March to a different drummer... We can make a difference, Ot 114

Purify my heart... Refiner's fire, 657

Rise up you people of power, P&W 517

Salt and light, Ot 113

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, SiS 96

They will know we are Christians by our love, Ot 25

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Ot 83

Songs about God's promises, v13

Every promise of Your Word

Standing on the promises, H 690

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, H 701

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Before Noah's flood, people lived ten times longer than we live today. What might be some dis/advantages of such a long life?
 2. The Ten Commandments mandated a day of rest (Ex.20:8). List some benefits that flow from "wasting time" being unproductive.
 3. How does God regard time (2Pet.3:8)? The world is pretty messy. Why doesn't God end it (v9)? Do Christians need to repent?
 4. Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming like a thief" (Rev.16:15). What will happen when He returns (2Pet.3:10)? Why would God do this?
 5. What two things are required of us (v11)? What is the difference between them; and how do we practice them (v11-12)?
 6. List some differences between what we have now, and what we can expect in eternity (v13).
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