



SUMMIT

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

2 Peter 3

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BACKGROUND

- The last communication from Peter. Soon after he would be martyred
- In 1 Peter, Peter wrote to comfort and encourage believers in the midst of suffering and persecution (external onslaught)
- In 2 Peter, Peter wrote to warn them of an internal attack—complacency and heresy (internal onslaught)
- Peter wrote to:
 - Remind them of the words of the prophets/apostles that predicted the second coming
 - To give reasons for the delay in Christ's return
 - To encourage them to beware of heresies and to grow in their faith

DEFINING REALITY

- A.W. Tozer – “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
- What you believe determines what you think and what you think drives what you do
- There is a God in heaven
- He is actively involved in the world – in creation, in the flood, etc. (vv. 4-6)
- He keep his promises (v. 9)
- The day of judgment is coming and it will come like a thief (v. 10)

LIFE IS A TEST

- Character is both developed and revealed by tests, and all of life is a test
- God tests our faith through problems
- He tests our hope by how we handle our relationships, careers, and possessions
- He tests our love by how we interact with people

LIFE IS A TRUST

- We are stewards of what God has entrusted to us.
- At the end of your life on earth you will be evaluated and rewarded according to how well you handled what God entrusted to you
- God promises three rewards in heaven:
 - God's affirmation
 - A promotion and greater responsibility
 - Celebration

LIFE IS A TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

- Life is fleeting
- The day of the Lord is coming
- Do not get complacent
- This is not our home (Hebrews 11:13)
- Do not conform to the patterns of this world (Romans 12:2)
- This is not our home
- Live with an eternal perspective – every day matters