

***God Is Always
On Time***

2 Peter 3:8-9

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8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Introduction

A. Many doubt Christ's return

1. Some are willingly ignorant of this fact (v 8)

2. Others want to know He is taking so long

Psalm 6:3-4

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

Introduction

B. Peter now explains the dimension of time

1. Jesus says no one knows the day or hour

Matthew 24:36

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

2. We are always to be ready expecting His return

Matthew 24:42

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

3. The mystery of time deepens and gets deeper (v 8)

I. The Lord Doesn't Break His Promise (v 9)

2 Corinthians 1:20

**For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him
Amen, unto the glory of God by us.**

Hebrews 6:12

**That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who
through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

I. The Lord Doesn't Break His Promise (v 9)

A. The promises of God have been kept through the ages

1. The promise of the virgin birth of Christ

2. The promise that Christ called the Prince of Peace

3. The promise that Christ would suffer and die for sinners

4. The promise of Christ's resurrection

Luke 24:6-7

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

I. The Lord Doesn't Break His Promise (v 9)

B. We can trust His promise to return

John 14:1-3

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

II. The Lord Demonstrates His Patience (v 9)

A. Consider how long the world waited for the first coming of Christ

1. The many Old testament prophecies of this coming

2. Prophets spake their words and the world waited.

1 Peter 1:10-12

II. The Lord Demonstrates His Patience (v 9)

1 Peter 1:10-12

10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

II. The Lord Demonstrates His Patience (v 9)

A. Consider how long the world waited for the first coming of Christ - continued

3. Christ arrived right on time

Galatians 4:3-5

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

II. The Lord Demonstrates His Patience (v 9)

B. The patience of God is demonstrated in His creation

Genesis 8:22

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

C. The patience of God is also in His plan for mankind

Hebrews 3:7-8

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

III. The Lord Delights In The Saving of One Soul

(v 9)

A. God is not willing that any should perish

B. The days of waiting should be days of evangelism

1. More to be saved

Jeremiah 8:20

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

2. More to be done

Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Christ Will Arrive Right On Time!!

Are You Working Or Running?