

2 Peter

Lesson #8, Chapter 3:1-10

Read through Chapter 3 before beginning this lesson. Be sure to ask the Lord to open your eyes and heart to the truths of His Word.

1. What does Peter want to accomplish in his second letter to his flock (verse 1)? How does he hope to achieve this according to verse 1?
2. Define *stir* (NIV *stimulate* [Strong's #1326]) used also by Peter in 1:13.
3. Define *sincere* (KJV *pure*; NIV *wholesome* [Strong's #1506]) used only here and in Phil. 1:10.
4. How is Peter's word choice in describing the believer's minds as *sincere* in stark contrast to the description of the false teachers from Chapter 2?
5. Why does Peter want to *stir up their minds* (verse 2)? Why would that be a help and an encouragement to the believers?
6. What is the first thing they are to know from verse 3?

7. What are the mockers scoffing at (verses 3-4)?

8. What type of conversation do you think preceded the scoffer's jeering response?

9. There have always been those who say, "Life has always been this way. There won't be a time of judgment to come." What is God's answer in verses 5-7 to those who say things like that?

10. What do you learn about the *Word of God* in verses 5-7? Now look up the following verses to build upon that foundation of truth: Gen. 1:6, 9; 6:17; 9:11-15; Ps. 33:6; Heb. 11:3; 1 Pet. 1:23-25.

11. Just as God warned the world of Noah's time of the impending flood, so God has warned us about the judgment to come upon our present world. What do you learn about the coming judgment from the following verses? See 2 Pet. 3:7, 10-12; Is. 66:15-16; Mal. 4:1; Matt. 3:12; 2 Thess. 1:7-8; Heb. 10:27.

12. What one fact are we to make sure we notice (verse 8)?

13. In verse 9 Peter reveals the significance of his statement in verse 8. What do you learn in verse 9?

14. How do verses 8-9 provide an answer to those who say that they do not fear the future and judgment is not coming?

15. What is one of the purposes of God's patience? Verses 9, 15; Joel 2:13; Rom. 9:22-24.

16. Verse 9 reads, *The Lord is not slow about His promise*. What promise is Peter referring to?

17. List what you learn about *the Day of the Lord* from verse 10.

18. Now read Is. 13:6-13; Zeph. 1:14-18; 1 Thess. 5:2-11; 2 Thess. 1:5-10; 2:1-4. What is the purpose of the Day of the Lord? When will the Day of the Lord occur? How is the Day of the Lord described?

19. How have these verses equipped you to give an answer for the hope that is within you (1 Pet. 3:15)?

20. What attributes of God are displayed in 3:1-10?

21. How have the truths you have learned about God in these verses made you love and respect Him even more?

He has but to speak the word, and the servants of His Omnipotence will rise, terrible in their destructive power. He spoke to His ancients of the sea, and they marched in gigantic might till they had covered the mountain tops, and laid the race of men dead at their feet; let Him speak to His ministers of flaming fire and they will at once subdue the globe by quenchless burnings. Earth is as a pile of wood, and the torch-bearers stand ready to kindle it at any moment. There has always been a cry of fire among men, and the cry grows louder every century, for the burning is near. ~Charles Spurgeon

God waiteth that men may be saved. He tarries that, in this long time of waiting, hundreds everywhere may believe in Jesus, and enter into eternal life; and while we may consistently desire to hasten the coming of the Lord, we may be equally content that mercy's day should be lengthened. ~Charles Spurgeon