

Behold, the Day is Coming

II Peter Series – Part 5

Scripture text – II Peter 2:4-9

Introduction

- Evidently, America has 4 Gods, with Americans sharply divided on 2 questions:
 1. Is God _____ in our lives; and
 2. Does God _____ us.
- The main heresy of Peter's day was precisely this: God doesn't _____.
- In response, Peter uses a ____-_____ argument (also called a *sylogism*).

The Proof

- To prove that God indeed judges the unrighteous, Peter cites 3 examples from _____. The last 2 are particularly instructive as prototypes of God's _____ judgment.
- Just as God judged the whole world in the days of Noah, so will he do so again at the _____.
- In the case of Sodom & Gomorrah, their destruction illustrates the _____ of the final judgment; it will be by _____.
- However, in both instances, God spared the _____.

Extra Insights

- The ____ who were saved from the Flood represent the 8th (new) day of creation.
- For all his faults, Lot was deeply _____ by the wickedness of his city.
- To *not* be distressed suggests:
 1. We care too little about God's _____ standards; and-or
 2. We care too little about _____.

The Pattern

1. The unrighteous are being kept under _____ until the day of judgment

- This probably means that the unrighteous are _____ being punished, even as they await the final judgment.
 - Their punishment is likely in the form of bearing the _____ of their sin.
 - We must look beyond the superficial happiness and success of the unrighteous to the inner _____, _____ and frustration.
2. The godly are being rescued from _____.
- Not necessarily _____ trials, but delivered _____ them.
 - For those who revere God, the sun of righteousness will rise with _____ in its wings (Malachi 4:2).