

For Our Encouragement

II Peter Series – Part 6

Scripture text – II Peter 3:1-10

The Main Point

- It is God's fervent desire that the promised return of his Son be a _____ & _____ source of _____ for his people.

The Argument

- In chapter 3, Peter now turns to the _____ of what the false teachers were saying; namely, they were ridiculing the notion of Jesus _____.
- Their message was resonating because the first generation of Christians expected the return of Christ in their _____.
- And so, under the influence of the false teachers, the church was _____ its belief in the return of Christ.

Response #1

- The false teachers were early proponents of a philosophy that came to be known as _____. This philosophy pictures God as the great _____, who created the world, wound it up, and then just let it go.
- Indeed, there are _____ that govern much of life.
- But, God *does* _____ at times in a big way! He's done it in the past and he'll do it again.

The Day of the Lord

- This is the Bible's term for a sudden & dramatic intervention by _____ in human history, usually for the purpose of _____ and-or the _____ of his people.
- Throughout history, there have been _____ such interventions. But, there is coming a _____ one, precipitated by the return of Christ.

- Peter asks rhetorically, “In light of this, what sort of people _____ we to be?”

Response #2

- Peter also explains _____ Jesus hadn’t come back yet. There are 2 reasons:
 1. God doesn’t measure _____ as we do; and
 2. God is _____ and delays his Son’s return so more people get _____.
- Each day, approximately _____ souls are saved from hell.
- And yet, he won’t delay _____.

Conclusion

- Peter’s intent isn’t to _____, but to _____.
 1. To holy _____
 2. To faithful _____
 3. To joyful _____