

Series: 2 Peter

Sermon: The Day of the Lord

Passage: 2 Peter 3:8-13 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: The certainty of the Day of the Lord's judgment provides believers with ample motivation for how we are to now live and for what we are to be longing!

I. What is the Day of the Lord?

- The Day of the Lord is God's intervening judgment in creation (see 2:4-10).
- In the OT it might refer to judgment in the past, present or future depending on the context.
- In the NT it refers to God's final judgment through Christ resulting in His glorious eternal kingdom.
- Oasis Church's position on the future DOTL is that it will begin with the return of Jesus for the Church and end with the establishment of the New Heavens and New Earth.

II. When will the Day of the Lord happen?

- In describing DOTL events (Matt. 24:36), Jesus says that the time is a mystery to all but God the Father.
- Yet in the upper room (John 14:3) Jesus confirms that He WILL return, setting these events in motion.
- The scoffers say that since He's not yet come we can assume that He's not coming.
- Peter reminds us that God is not dragging His feet and does not operate according to our expectations.
- When Christ does return, it will be sudden when no one is expecting it. (Matt. 24:43; 2 Thes. 5:2)

III. Why is the Day of the Lord taking so long?

- God could have justly destroyed this world at any point after humanity chose to sin.
- But because He is loving, merciful & gracious, He is also patient - withholding judgment in order to save.
- God desires that all would repent but He does not determine that all will. This we cannot understand.
- When God's judgment is revealed it will be total, all consuming, all exposing.
- "The purpose of prophetic truth is not speculation but motivation!" Warren Wiersbe

IV. How are we supposed to respond?

1. Believers are to pursue lives of holiness and godliness even in the face of extreme difficulty.
2. Believers are to spend less time, money and energy on the temporary that will burn up.
3. Believers are to press into the mission as though we can hurry things along.
4. Believers are to set our longing on the New to come.
5. Unbelievers are to repent of their sin and embrace the crucified and risen Savior as Lord and God!