

The Day of the Lord

Have you ever wondered what will happen when Jesus Christ returns? Whether you call it the Day of the Lord, Judgment Day, or the Second Coming, all these titles refer to the time and events of Christ's return to earth. The early Christians waited expectantly for Christ's second coming, but when he didn't appear, scoffers planted seeds of doubt among the believers. Concluding his second letter to the believers in Asia Minor, the apostle Peter encouraged them to view life through the lens of eternity patiently. Join us as we reflect on God's divine timing and patience and learn from Peter how we can live holy, purposeful lives in light of the coming Day of the Lord.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What does “scoff” mean? What are “scoffers”?
- Are you living in anticipation of Judgment Day? How and why? Or why not?



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READ [2 Peter 3](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Do you think people today still scoff about Jesus' return? Why or why not?
- What can we do to increase God's eternal perspective in our everyday lives?
- Hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney note that in the Middle Ages, the Church often used Judgment Day to scare people. But in the Reformation era, the Reformers focused more on the hope and comfort of Judgment Day. Which perspective is more emphasized today in churches and Christian media?
- Darrell notes that fire does two things in Scripture: it burns up and purifies (or refines). So even though [2 Peter 3:10](#) talks about how fire will destroy the earth, it also talks about how the same fire will expose the evil done on the earth to judgment *and* God's justice, which is the hope for those in Christ. How can we hold judgment and hope in tension together without one overpowering or negating the other?
- In segment 2, Scott and Darrell reflect on what it means for us to live holy and godly lives in anticipation of the Day of the Lord. Based on Jesus' teaching in [Matthew 24:36-25:13](#), they say one way is by being faithful in the tasks of our everyday lives. So, what is your daily work? What roles do you faithfully carry out while anticipating Jesus Christ's return?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Joel 2:31](#), [Acts 2:14-21](#), [Isaiah 13:9](#), [Matthew 24:36-51](#), [Matthew 25:1-13](#), [Revelation 21:1-8](#)

CONCLUSION

Reread 2 Peter 3:13, “*But in keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.*” Then read it again, pausing at the phrases “keeping with his promise,” “new heavens and a new earth,” “righteousness,” and “dwells.” As you pause, write down what each of those phrases brings to mind for you. Then, close your reflection by sharing your thoughts, feelings, and questions with God in prayer.

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