

## II Peter 3:8-13

**8-9.** But beloved, do not forget this one thing, that **with the Lord ONE DAY is as a THOUSAND YEARS**, and a thousand years as one day. **The Lord is NOT SLACK concerning His PROMISE**, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **NOT WILLING that any should PERISH, but that all should come to REPENTANCE.**

- **I Timothy 2:3-4** "For this is \_\_\_\_\_ and acceptable in the sight of \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior, who \_\_\_\_\_ men to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to come to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **John 3:16** "For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that He \_\_\_\_\_ His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not \_\_\_\_\_ but have \_\_\_\_\_ life."
- **Luke 24:46-47** "Then He said to them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ the third day, and that \_\_\_\_\_ and remission of sins should be preached in His \_\_\_\_\_ to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'"

**Definition: "With the Lord ONE DAY is AS a THOUSAND YEARS"** - This is a figure of speech, a metaphor or simile, **comparing OUR sense of time with God's sense of time.** It just means that **God is NOT limited to the way WE measure time**, whether days, or weeks or years - it's all a "blink of an eye" to Him. **This does NOT mean we take places in the Scripture where it gives us DAYS, and say that it really means a THOUSAND YEARS.** Some people have tried to say that when Genesis says that God created the earth in six days, He really did it in six thousand years, as **they try to fit GOD'S creation into MAN'S theory of evolution.** Not only does that not work, because evolutionists say we needed millions and billions of years for evolution, not thousands of years, but **it contradicts God's word** completely. If God says He did it in six days or six seconds, we should believe it means just that, because **He could have created the earth and all that is in it in the "blink of an eye" or less.**

- **Psalms 90:4** "For a \_\_\_\_\_ in Your \_\_\_\_\_ are like \_\_\_\_\_ when it is past, and like a watch in the night."
- **Psalms 39:5** "Indeed, You have made my \_\_\_\_\_ as handbreadths, and my \_\_\_\_\_ is as \_\_\_\_\_ before You; certainly every man at his best is but \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Exodus 20:11** "For in six \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the \_\_\_\_\_ day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath \_\_\_\_\_ and hallowed it."
- **Genesis 1:31** "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ were the sixth \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "The Lord is NOT SLACK concerning His PROMISE"** - "Slack" means to be slow, idle, careless or negligent. **God is NOT SLOW in keeping His promises, and He is NOT negligent or forgetful.** God has promised that Jesus will return to the earth to set up His kingdom, and the sin and corruption of this world will be destroyed and done away with, and He has NOT forgotten about that promise! **It will happen in His own time**, and not according to OUR schedule or timing. God's word says, **"He who is coming WILL come and will NOT tarry."** "Tarry" means to be late or behind schedule, and **God is never behind schedule or late**, He is always on

time! Our problem is that **WE get impatient** and do not understand why God seems to be "taking so long" from our perspective.

- **Hebrews 10:35-37** "Therefore, do not cast away your \_\_\_\_\_, which has great reward, for you have need of \_\_\_\_\_, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the \_\_\_\_\_; 'For yet a little while, and He who is \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_ tarry (be late)."
- **Habakkuk 2:2-3** "Then the \_\_\_\_\_ answered me and said, 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed \_\_\_\_\_; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it \_\_\_\_\_, wait for it; because it will surely \_\_\_\_\_, it will not \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "NOT WILLING that any should PERISH, but that all should come to REPENTANCE"** - We see from Scripture that God does not WANT anyone to go to hell, but that they CHOOSE to go there by their REJECTION of His only way of salvation, which is **faith in His Son Jesus Christ**.

- **Revelation 22:17** "And the Spirit and the bride say, ' \_\_\_\_\_!' And let him who hears say, ' \_\_\_\_\_!' And \_\_\_\_\_ him who thirsts \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ desires, \_\_\_\_\_ him take the water of life \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Ezekiel 33:11** "Say to them, 'As I live,' says the \_\_\_\_\_ God, 'I have \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked, but that the wicked [should] turn from his way and \_\_\_\_\_. Turn, turn from your evil \_\_\_\_\_! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'"
- **Romans 1:28 & 2:4-5** (Verse 28) "And even as they did \_\_\_\_\_ to retain (keep) \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting." (Verses 4-5) "Or do you despise the riches of His \_\_\_\_\_, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God leads \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_? But in accordance with your \_\_\_\_\_ and impenitent \_\_\_\_\_ you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of \_\_\_\_\_ and revelation of the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ of God."
- **Revelation 2:21** "And I gave her \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ of her sexual immorality, and she did \_\_\_\_\_."

**10-12. But the DAY of the LORD will come as a THIEF in the NIGHT**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and **the elements will MELT with FERVENT HEAT**; both the earth and the works that are in it **will be BURNED UP**. Therefore, since all these things will be DISSOLVED, **what manner of PERSONS ought you to be in HOLY CONDUCT** and GODLINESS, looking for and hastening **the COMING of the DAY of GOD**, because of which **the heavens will be DISSOLVED being ON FIRE**, and the elements will MELT with FERVENT HEAT?

- **Revelation 3:3** "Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore if you will not \_\_\_\_\_, I will \_\_\_\_\_ upon you as a \_\_\_\_\_, and you will \_\_\_\_\_ know what \_\_\_\_\_ I will \_\_\_\_\_ upon you."
- **I Thessalonians 5:2** "For you yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ perfectly that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ so comes as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Revelation 16:15** "Behold, I am \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed is he who \_\_\_\_\_, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "The DAY of the LORD will come as a THIEF in the NIGHT"** - "The Day of the Lord" is when Jesus returns to this earth to make everything right again, to do away with sin, and to set up His kingdom upon the earth. The Bible also talks about **"The Last Days"**, and this refers to the time **just BEFORE the RETURN of Jesus Christ** to the earth. Lawlessness and wickedness will be one of the "signs" of His soon return, and the condition of the human race **just before Jesus returns** will be **as WICKED and EVIL as it was in Noah's days**, before God destroyed the earth with the Flood. We, as Christians, can discern **the times we live in as being "The Last Days" and close to the return of Jesus**, but even so, no one knows the exact day or hour. When Jesus says He is "coming as a thief" it refers to **the QUICKNESS and UNEXPECTEDNESS of His return**, not anything evil, or that He's going to commit a crime.

- **Luke 17:26** "As it was in the days of \_\_\_\_\_, so it will be also in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I Timothy 4:1-2** "Now the Spirit expressly says that in the \_\_\_\_\_ some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing \_\_\_\_\_ and doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_; speaking \_\_\_\_\_ in hypocrisy, having their \_\_\_\_\_ seared as with a hot iron."
- **Matthew 24:36** "But of that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ no one \_\_\_\_\_, no, \_\_\_\_\_ even the angels of heaven, but My \_\_\_\_\_ only."
- **Matthew 24:43-44** "But know this, that if the master of the house had \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ would come, he would have \_\_\_\_\_ and not allowed his house to be \_\_\_\_\_ into. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ also be \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ at an \_\_\_\_\_ when you do \_\_\_\_\_ expect Him."

**Definition: "The ELEMENTS will MELT with FERVENT HEAT"** - God has promised us a beautiful new earth after Jesus returns, where all will be peaceful, and no humans or animals will kill, even for food. In order to have this perfect new earth, **the OLD EARTH, along with the HEAVENS and our old polluted ATMOSPHERE, will be burned up in an instant, with incredible heat.** Peter says that even "the elements will melt" with the intensity of the heat. **Only God could cause such a terrific heat to melt the very elements**, and God will then recreate everything the way it was originally, before sin and "the curse" came into the world. Just as old aluminum cans or old scrap iron and steel are melted down to reuse the metal, the Lord will melt down this old earth and recreate it. **This is God's ultimate RECYCLING PLAN for the earth!**

- **Isaiah 34:4** "All the host of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree."
- **Micah 1:3-4** "For behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ out of His place; He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. The \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ under Him, and the valleys will split like \_\_\_\_\_ before the \_\_\_\_\_, like waters poured down a steep place."
- **II Peter 3:6-7** "By which the \_\_\_\_\_ that then existed \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. But the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ which now exist are kept in store by the same word, reserved for \_\_\_\_\_ until the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of ungodly men."

**Definition: "What manner of PERSONS ought you to be in HOLY CONDUCT"** - Peter says, **"ALL these things will be DISSOLVED"**, so we should not be putting our trust or affection in worldly things that will not last for eternity. Instead, we should

conduct ourselves in a holy manner of living, as we allow the Lord to conform us to the image of His Son Jesus Christ, and produce His fruit in our lives, and we will receive rewards in heaven and an everlasting inheritance.

- **II Corinthians 7:1** "Having therefore these \_\_\_\_\_, dearly beloved, let us \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting \_\_\_\_\_ in the fear of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I Peter 1:13-16** "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be \_\_\_\_\_, and rest your hope fully upon the \_\_\_\_\_ that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as \_\_\_\_\_ children, \_\_\_\_\_ conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance (before you came to Christ); but as He who called you is \_\_\_\_\_, you also be \_\_\_\_\_ in all your \_\_\_\_\_, because it is written, 'Be \_\_\_\_\_, for I am holy.'"
- **Romans 13:12-13** "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us \_\_\_\_\_ the works of \_\_\_\_\_, and let us put on the armor of \_\_\_\_\_. Let us \_\_\_\_\_ (conduct our lives) properly, as in the day, \_\_\_\_\_ in revelry and drunkenness, not in licentiousness and lewdness, not in strife and envy, but \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts (desires)."
- **Romans 8:29** "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."
- **II Corinthians 3:18** "For \_\_\_\_\_ all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, are being \_\_\_\_\_ into the same \_\_\_\_\_ from glory to glory, just as by the glory of the Lord."

**13. Nevertheless WE, according to His promise, LOOK for NEW HEAVENS and a NEW EARTH in which righteousness dwells.**

- **Revelation 21:1** "And I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ heaven and a \_\_\_\_\_ earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had \_\_\_\_\_ away."

**Definition: "NEW HEAVENS and a NEW EARTH in which righteousness dwells"**

- God originally created the earth, man and animals without any evil, or poisonous plants and animals, or death and killing. All of that came after Adam sinned and disobeyed God, and sin and "the curse" came into this world. The new heavens and new earth will be perfect, with no killing, no violence, and no sin of any kind.

- **Isaiah 11:6-9** "The \_\_\_\_\_ also shall dwell with the \_\_\_\_\_, the leopard shall lie down with the young \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young \_\_\_\_\_ and the fating together; and a little \_\_\_\_\_ shall lead them. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_; their young ones shall lie down together; and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat \_\_\_\_\_ like the \_\_\_\_\_. The nursing child shall play by the \_\_\_\_\_ hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ in all My holy mountain, for the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be full of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ as the waters cover the sea."
- **Isaiah 65:25** "The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall feed \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat \_\_\_\_\_ like the \_\_\_\_\_, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ in all My holy mountain,' says the Lord."