

- What quirks does your house have?
- What's on your "Honey, Do..." list?

- If you knew your house was going to burn down tomorrow, would you fix those things tonight?
- What would you do today?

Don't Be Like the Mockers!

2 Peter 3:8-10

The Charges of the Mockers

- A "Where is the promise...?"
 B "All continues..."
 B' "it escapes their notice" (5-7)
 A' "escape your notice" (8-10)

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- The Delay of the Lord (8-9)
- The Day of the Lord (10)

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- The Delay of the Lord (8-9)
 –Answer is based on the nature and character of God
 –"Knowledge of Him" - 1:3

The Delay of the Lord

- “with the Lord one day is like a thousand years”
- “and a thousand years like one day”

The Delay of the Lord

- Not how God *reckons* time but how He *relates* to time

The Delay of the Lord

- God is eternal
–*Not a part of the space-time universe*

God is Eternal

- God is outside of time
 - He created time (Gen. 1:1)
 - He existed before time began (Jude 25; 2 Tim. 1:9)

God is Eternal

- God is not subject to time
 - Time is the passing of “now”
 - Eternity is “now standing still” (Thomas Aquinas)

God is Eternal

- God is.
–“I AM” (Ex. 3:14; John 8:58)

God is Eternal

- Bottom line: Regardless of how little or much time it takes, God will accomplish *His* plan on *His* schedule (cf. Rom. 5:6)

So What?

- We need to submit to God's timetable (trust His wisdom)
- Is there anything you are impatient about right now?

God is Patient

- God is not slow
 - Tardy* (appointed time?)
 - He is not on our schedule
 - He is not afraid or impotent

God is Patient

- God is waiting
 - Patient = '*long wrath*'
 - Long-suffering*
 - Self-restraint, to a point



God is Patient

- God is waiting
 - See Gen. 15:12-16
 - In His mercy, God is giving all men sufficient time to repent

So What?

- Are you right with God?
 - Judgment is coming (3:7)
 - We would love to help you finally settle this issue!

God is Compassionate

- “not wishing for any to perish”
 - Desire, not Determination
 - Ezek. 18:32; 33:11 (Matt. 23:37)

Albert Barnes

“The word here used [*wishing*] has reference rather to his disposition, or to his nature, than to any act or plan.”

God is Compassionate

- “but for all to come to repentance”
 - Desire, not Determination
 - 1 Tim. 2:4 (Rom. 2:4)

Implications

- All men are doomed
- All who repent will not perish
- All men are free to choose
- All men are without excuse

So What?

- Are you concerned about those who are not right with God?
- Who needs to hear the Good News from you?

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- The Day of the Lord (10)

The Day of the Lord

- *The day of doom*
- *The day of vengeance*
- *The day of wrath*
- *The great and terrible day*

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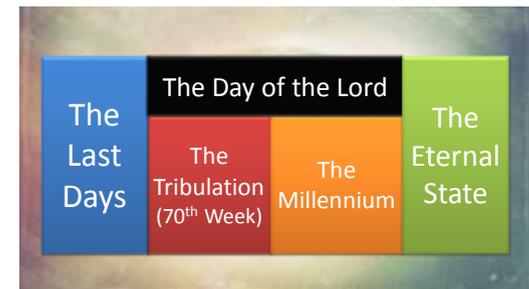
- “The Day of the Lord refers to God’s special interventions into the course of world events to judge His enemies, accomplish His purpose for history, and...

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- ...thereby demonstrate who He is—the sovereign God of the universe (Isa. 2:10-22; Ezek. 13:5, 9, 14, 21, 23; 30:3, 8, 19, 25-26).”

The Coming of The Day

- Like a thief
 - Matt. 24:43-44; 1 Thess. 5:2; Rev. 3:3; 16:15
 - Suddenly on the unprepared



The Consequences of The Day

- The heavens will pass away with a roar (cf. Isa. 34:4)
 - The space-time universe will be 'uncreated'

The Consequences of The Day

- the elements will be destroyed with intense heat
 - Atomic structure undone
 - Physical things disintegrate

The Consequences of The Day

- the earth and its works will be burned up
 - 'burned up' or 'laid bare'?
 - Everything here is worthless

So What?

- If you knew your house was going to burn down tomorrow, would you fix the sticky door tonight?

So What?

- What sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness! (1:5-7)
 - Matt. 24:42-51; Col. 3:1-4