God’s Promise Is Not Slack Sun Am 2/20/22

2 Peter 3:1-9 NKJV

3 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

2that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

3knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

4and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.”

5For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

6by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.

7But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8But, 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.

9The 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.

# John 14:1-4 NKJV

# 14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

# 2In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so,* I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

# 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

# 4And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

# *At this time He will receive to Himself all the dead and living in Christ who will come to earth with Him at the Second Advent.*

# 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 NKJV

# 6For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

# 17Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

# 18Therefore comfort one another with these words.

# *The saints will be with Jesus in Heaven during the tribulation.*

# 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 NKJV

# 51Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

# 52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

# 53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

# 54So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

# 55“O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?”

# 56The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.

# 57But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# 58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

# Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV

# 20For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

# 21who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

# Matthew 24:36 NKJV

# 36“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

# *We need to be ready at all times.*

# Matthew 24:37-44 NKJV

# 37But as the days of Noah *were,* so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

# 38For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

# 39and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

# 40Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

# 41Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

# 42Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

# 43But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

# 44Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

# Genesis 6:5-12 NKJV

# 5Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

# 6And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

# 7So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

# 8But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

# 9This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

# 10And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

# 11The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

# 12So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

# Ephesians 5:27 NKJV

# 27that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

# Titus 1:2 NKJV

# 2in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,