



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

Lesson 65

Name: _____

Read II Peter 3

How can people go to the immoral excesses listed in chapter 2? Likely it is due to “all things continue as they were from the beginning.” There is no real belief that the Lord is coming again and all will have to give an account of what they have done (or not done). Do we really believe in eternity and a final judgment? The Lord is coming! What will happen when Jesus returns? Read this chapter of warning.

1. Peter will stir up their remembrance again. There have been many words spoken by the holy _____ and commandments given by the _____ regarding the last days in which _____ who walk after their own _____ say, “Where is the _____ of his coming.” Many people had expected the coming of the Lord when the destruction of Jerusalem came in 70 A.D., but it never came, so they mocked with this prophecy.
2. Men are ignorant (intentionally forget) that by the Word of God, the heavens were created, the earth standing out of the _____ and in the _____, then overflowed with _____ and all therein perished. However, the heavens and the earth that now, are reserved for not water, but _____ in the day of _____ and perdition (destruction) of ungodly men. Meaning of ‘*perdition*’- eternal punishment.
3. This second coming may seem to be delayed, but God is not bound to our time. One day with the Lord is _____ and vise-versa. The Lord is not slack concerning his _____. What he promised (as He promised the destruction of the world) He will do, but in His time. Let us see God’s

_____suffering and forbearance in this delay. God does not desire that any should _____, but that all should come to _____. This “all” includes you and me!

4. When men, in general, do not believe it will happen, then this destruction will take place. Therefore Peter says that the _____ of the Lord will come as a _____ in the night - unexpectedly. If we knew a thief was coming to our house a certain night, and that he would take our things, we would stay up and wait for him. This will include:
 - a. The heavens will pass away with a great _____.
 - b. The elements shall _____ with fervent heat. This does not necessarily refer to the elements like in chemistry, but rather could be the elements of antiquity. The _____ that are therein shall be burned up. All the great works, the buildings, the cities, etc. will burn away.
5. Knowing all these things, what should God’s church be doing? Should they be focused on earthly things? Not at all! They should be in a _____ conversation (walk). They should be _____ for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God. They should not have a desire for earthly things, but look for _____ heavens and a _____ earth wherein dwelleth _____.
6. We must be diligent, that we may be found in _____ and without _____, and blameless. To be found in peace, we need a Mediator. To be without spot, we need a Substitute. We must account or reckon that the long-suffering of our Lord is _____.
7. So as Peter closes this second epistle, speaking about his beloved brother, _____ who was given much wisdom to write many epistles. (We should note that this same brother withstood him to the face when he was two-faced, but Peter did not hate him for his rebuke, but rather loved him as an honest friend.) Peter, a simple fisherman recognizes the gift of God, namely _____, even though some writings are hard to understand. Just

because they are hard to understand, Peter did not throw them out as some. Those that are unlearned and _____ wrest the scriptures to their own destruction. ‘*Wrest* means’- forcibly pull. Picture a person weeding the garden, trying to get a weed with a deep tap root out. Some people do this to the Scriptures – twisting the meaning.

8. When we see these false teachers doing such things, let us not be surprised but, let us beware lest we are led away with the _____ of the wicked and fall from our own _____. Believers are urged to _____ in grace and, and in the _____ of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Augustine relates in this last phrase how eternity counts with God as one day: “It is only one day, but an everlasting day without yesterday to precede it, and without tomorrow to follow it; not brought forth by the natural sun, which shall exist no more, but by Christ the Sun of Righteousness.

Evaluator_____

My Meditations of Him Shall be Sweet

When languor and disease invade
This trembling house of clay,
'Tis sweet to look beyond our cage,
And long to fly away.

Sweet to look inward and attend
The whispers of His love;
Sweet to look upward to the place
Where Jesus pleads above.

Sweet to look back and see my name
In life's fair book set down;
Sweet to look forward and behold
Eternal joys my own.

Sweet to reflect how grace divine
My sins on Jesus laid;
Sweet to remember that His blood
My debt of suff'rings paid.

Sweet on His righteousness to stand,
Which saves from second death;
Sweet to experience day by day,
His Spirit's quick'ning breath.

Sweet on His faithfulness to rest,
Whose love can never end;
Sweet on His covenant of grace,
For all things to depend.

Sweet in the confidence of faith,
To trust His firm decrees;
Sweet to lie passive in His hand,
And know no will but His.

Sweet to rejoice in lively hope,
That, when my change shall come,
Angels will hover round my bed,
And waft my spirit home.

There shall my disimprisoned soul
Behold Him and adore;
Be with His likeness satisfied,
And grieve and sin no more.

Shall see Him wear that very flesh
On which my guilt was lain;
His love intense, His merit fresh,
As though but newly slain.

Soon too my slumbering dust shall hear
The trumpet's quickening sound;
And, by my Saviour's power rebuilt,
At His right hand be found.

There eyes shall see him in that day,
The God that died for me;
And all my rising bones shall say,
Lord, who is like to Thee?

If such the views which grace unfold,
Weak as it is below,
What raptures must the Church above.
In Jesus' presence know!

If such the sweetness of the stream,
What must the fountain be,
Where saints and angels draw their bliss
Immediately from Thee.

Oh, may the unctions of these truths,
Forever with me stay;
Till from her sinful cage dismissed.
My spirit flies away.

The Helm of the Heart
Augustus Toplady