

# 2 PETER 3 vs 9

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**9 The Lord is not slow concerning His promise,**

**as some men count slowness** / apparently, this nautical term means: **slow sailing**. John Knox says, HE is not dilatory; James Moffatt says, HE does not loiter or delay. HE is not slow to fulfill His promises,

**as some count slow rowing** / Peter would say: He is no Sunday driver; He is not on a leisurely picnic and stroll through Como Park,

**but is longsuffering toward you, not willing that any perish** / it is not the will of God... that anyone

should be wasted and destroyed. Why would it be? [God so loved the world... that He gave His Son... that whoever trusted Him would not perish.](#)

**but that all should come to METANOIA** / Peter uses this word only one time... here! the word is interesting: **meta** = **change** + **noia** = **mind**.

This is the first word Jesus says when He began to teach. Church history reveals for the past 2,000 years that word has been taken by false teachers... and abused. It simply means: **change your mind**; **rethink**; **reconsider**, think correctly... what any good first grade teacher would want students to do: Jesus knew: **without a changed mind... there will be no changed heart**.

Dr. Dallas Willard, the philosophy professor at USC said: Jesus is a good Teacher... and He chooses words His students will understand and respond to.

Jesus did NOT say to the children He was teaching... that terrible word that means: **RE-PAIN**. Jesus said to His students: **RETHINK**. It's a good word that any good teacher would use! It is something... every student of the Lord should do... every day of their life.

Luke 15 tells us, [there is more joy in heaven over one sinner -- like me! ... who METANOEO...](#) who **rethinks**, who **reconsiders**, who **relearns**... than over the 99.999% who don't change their thinking!

So, let's make the eternities joyful today... okay?!

**The Lord is not slow, as some count slow rowing, but is longsuffering toward you, not willing that any perish... but that all should come to CHANGE OUR MINDS** / about the things of God. By the way, Peter is the one who asked Jesus... what if someone changes their mind 7 times a day? Elementary students do that regularly! Jesus answered: I say to you Peter... if they changed 70 times 7... in one day... then forgive them! So, we begin to learn the meaning of longsuffering!



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<sup>10</sup> **But the Day of the Lord will arrive** / when the Son of Man comes to judge the nations... it will arrive. It doesn't matter what the scoffers say. That official coming will take place.

**as a thief in the night** / as quick as a pickpocket in the middle of the night... or in broad daylight;

**in which the heavens will pass away... with a great noise** / those two Greek words are: *parerchomai* ... *rhoizedon*. Aren't you glad to know that? It means:

**the heavens pass away with a whoosh!** Some translators even say, with a mighty rushing sound. But maybe it will be like a big toilet flush! Who knows?

**and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are in it will be burned up.**

Wow! Peter asks...

<sup>11</sup> **If all will be loosened** / this phrase is one Greek word: *lou*; will be loosened. So, I still think flushed!

**If all will be loosened, then what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy behavior** / you know, our body language... what makes us sad, what makes us joyful... speaks volumes! Now days we say, **in our behavior**, in our being and having...

**and good-sense** / *eusebeia*: our **good-sense** our God-awareness, fear, respect and sensibility to Him?

<sup>12</sup> **Looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of God** / anticipating; and hurrying the official arrival,

now, I wasn't on the planning committee, so this is what little I understand:

**the Day of the Lord** -- **the 6<sup>th</sup> great Day** belonging to the Lord that Moses told us about... is when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end... a cleanup that will last 7 months; as Messiah, the Son of Mankind appears and reigns 1,000 years... and therein is the key, to the Lord: 1000 years = a Day... and He does not plan to leave... **but will rule the nations with iron**... until it is time for the heaven and earth to pass away;

**the Day of God**...when the Ancient of Days comes... after a final battle in the area of Gog and Magog... at the end of 1,000 years, resulting in final judgment; but don't sweat the details!



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God our Father and His Son know the: **who... what... when... where... why... and how of the Day of God**; and for His people it will be good. Peter tells us: it will be followed with the Lord God's cleanup plan: a new heaven and a new earth,

**wherein the heavens being on fire will be dissolved,**

**and the elements will melt with fervent heat?**

...Peter wants us to ask ourselves... knowing all this, how will we act now? There is a great Day coming... when the rug is pulled out... from underneath the whole world. What will we be standing on? Remember: Heaven and earth will pass away... but Jesus' words will never pass away. So stand there on His words.

<sup>13</sup> **But according to His promises, we look for new heavens and a new earth, where doing right dwells**

**wherein dwells righteousness.**

...and that will be a great day, too! Notice: Peter did not say, self-righteousness. Peter is talking about: Where... what is right... and what is correct is being done. Peter says:

**we look for new heavens and a new earth,**

**where the Lord Jesus Christ / the Messiah sent from God, our Savior,**

**and His rights reign correctly.**

Hallelujah

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