

We will now begin the twelfth lecture on 1 and 2 Peter. /Today we will begin at 2 Peter 3:8.

/Read verse 8. /But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

/Verses 8-10 speak of the condition and time of the Second Coming. /First, there are those who think that the Second Coming is slow to come.

/Verse 9. /The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

/Some say that the Lord's Second Coming is slow in coming. /Why do they believe that the Lord's return is slow to come? /This is because Christ did not return for two thousand years since the time of the early church.

/Christ, who said that He would soon come, has not come yet. /Hence, believers' faith in the Second Coming grew weak, and they stopped waiting for the Second Coming. /This is very wrong. /The Lord's return is now slow in coming.

/We have proper faith when we believe in the Lord's return and also that He will return soon. /God waited for us to come to repentance. /The Lord will come when it is time. /It is God's will that no one perish.

/Second, the Lord's Second Coming has been temporarily delayed. /Why has the Lord's return been temporarily delayed? /Verse 8 says, /"A day is like a thousand years." /This means that God is waiting for everyone to come to repentance, and that day of waiting is like a thousand years.

/It also says, "A thousand years are like a day." /This means that God waits for a thousand years that are like a day in his judgment. /God waits for a long time. /God waits so that no one would perish.

/This does not mean that God is waiting for the unchosen, /but is waiting for the chosen to receive salvation. /Third, the Lord's Second Coming will come like a thief.

/Verse 10. /But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

/The Lord will return like a thief. /Why will He come like a thief? /Just as we do not know when thieves will come, /Jesus will return in the same way.

/Jesus will come at a day when we do not expect it, /when we do not think He will, /and He will come suddenly. /We must wait with faith every day for Jesus' return.

/Jesus will not come like a thief to those /who believe that the Lord might return today.
/Fourth, the condition of the Lord's Second Coming. /What will happen when the Lord returns?

/Those who believe will receive salvation, /and those who do not believe will receive judgment. /When the Lord returns, all will be revealed. /The sufferings that we received while keeping our faith will also be revealed as well.

/The attacks and damages that anyone brought upon God's salvation movement will be revealed. /Then God's judgment will surely follow. /It says that the heavens will disappear with a roar on the day of the Lord's return.

/It also says that elements will be destroyed by fire. /Then the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. /Thus, the sinful heaven and the earth will be destroyed by fire and everything in it be laid bare.

/Revelation 21:1 says, /the sinful heaven and the earth will disappear, /and there will be a new heaven and a new earth. /There will be a new heaven and a new earth. /The new heaven and a new earth will be the result of God's judgment of this world.

/At that time, the great powers of the world will receive judgment. /The "elements" refer to the basic elements of the world, nations and groups of the world, /or organizations and communities.

/All nations that stand against God, /and all groups and organizations that stand against God /will receive judgment. /It also says that all good and evil things will be laid bare. /The acts of believers will be revealed, /and the acts of unbelievers will be revealed as well.

/Therefore, it is important that we make the judgment seat our standard /as we live on this earth. /We must make sure that our words and actions are not judged /when we later stand before God's judgment seat.

/Not only that, but we must receive rewards as well. /When God judges all things of the world, /God's nature will be revealed. /Then everything will return to the way it was. /A good world will be achieved.

/We must look forward to that day, /and we must prepare oil like the five wise virgins. /The time of the Lord's return is coming near. /The Lord's return is near. /Now we must wait for the Lord's return, /and we must prepare for it.

/Verses 11-13 are about preparations for the Second Coming.

/Verse 11. /Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

/It says, "What kind of people ought you to be?" /The Lord's return is imminent. /God's

judgment is near, /and what kind of people must we be?

/We must first live holy lives as we prepare for the Second Coming. /Verse 11 says, “holy and godly lives.” /“Holy” means to be “set apart.” /We must always live lives that are set apart. /We must depart from sin.

/We must stand on God’s side, /and we must become more and more like God. /We must be discerning in all matters, /follow God’s will, /and become more and more like God. /How must can we be like God?

/Some people are like God only a little bit, /some people are God a little more, /and some people are like God in more ways. /We will stand before God with characters that have become like God.

/Those who are very much like God will be the greatest in God’s kingdom. /The greatest in God’s kingdom will receive the crown reward. /The rewards that we will receive in heaven are determined during our time here on earth.

/Thus, we must not live recklessly on this earth. /We must strive to live holy lives. /Second, /we must strive to live godly lives as we prepare for the Second Coming.

/Verse 11 says, “godly lives.” /Godliness that is acceptable to God /is to not be tainted by secular things, /live for God, /and obey God’s word. /It means that we must fear God.

/It also means that we must walk down the road of obedience to God’s word. /It is not easy for believers to fear God in this world. /Those who try to live godly lives will be persecuted. /There will be persecutions when we strive to live godly lives.

/There will be hardships when we live godly lives. /Still, we must look towards God and keep our faith until the end. /We prepare our faith when we keep our faith and live by God’s word.

/Third, /we must look forward to the day of God as we prepare for the Second Coming. /Verse 12. /as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

/It tells us to look forward to the day of God. /It also tells us to look forward to its coming. /People’s lives change according to what it is that they look forward to. /If we look to the world, we will pursue things of the world, /and if we look to spiritual things, we will pursue spiritual things.

/If we put our hope in the world, we will live for things of the world, /and if we hope in heaven, we will pursue spiritual things. /Therefore, we must first look upon and look forward to the Lord’s return /in order to prepare well for the Second Coming.

/To “look forward...and speed its coming” /means to be awake and pray. /It means that

we must prepare oil. /We must wake up from sleep. /Those who do not pray must now pray.

/We must prepare oil like the five wise virgins. /“Oil” is the character and ability of faith. /The character of our faith must be built on God’s word. /We must become more and more like the Lord.

/We must obey the word of the Lord, /and we can overcome hardships /when our characters become like the Lord. /We will also welcome the Lord by saying, “Lord Jesus, come!” /even if the Lord comes like a thief.

/Fourth, /we must achieve righteousness on this earth /and strive to achieve peace as we prepare for the Second Coming.

/Verses 13-14. /But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

/Verse 14 says that we must make every effort to be found spotless, /blameless, /and at peace when we stand before the Lord. /Everything will be revealed when the Lord returns. /If we have impurities or flaws, they will all be revealed.

/Thus, we must make every effort to be found spotless and blameless. /We must achieve righteousness in order to be spotless and blameless. /Righteousness alone will remain in the kingdom of God.

/Our uprightness before God /and before other people /will remain, /and all other things will disappear. /Righteousness is most important in the kingdom of God, /and we must live for righteousness while we are here on this earth.

/It also tells us to make the effort to be at peace. /We must also maintain peace with others. /This means that we must live in harmony with others. /When there are roadblocks in our relationships with others, /there will be roadblocks in our relationships with God.

/Therefore, in order to communicate with God, we must first resolve our issues with others. /It says, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

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/Without sacrifice, there can be no peace. /We can be at peace when we make sacrifices, /and God gives us greater and better things when we make sacrifices for peace. /Isaac did not fight over the wells.

/Isaac gave up the wells, which shows that he made sacrifices. /Isaac gave up three wells, and when he got to the fourth well, /God provided him with greater land /and another well.

/Now, the Lord's return is near. /God's judgment will surely take place. /We must be at peace with those we quarreled and fought with. /We must forgive those whom we must forgive. /We must love those whom we must love. /Then when we receive the Lord, we will receive Him in glory.

/In verses 14-18, Peter encourages his dear friends. /Peter lastly encouraged his dear believers. /First, he said that they must be blameless before the Lord. /Faults are not sins, but they cannot be acknowledged before God.

/We must thoroughly repent of our sins, /and we must remove all faults that are not acceptable before God.

/Verse 15. /Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

/It says that the Lord will be patient with judgment. /Paul said the following. /"God is patient to judge." /Peter also said that the Lord is patient to judge. /Yet, some misunderstand this.

/Some deny the Lord's return and judgment. /We, the chosen people, receive salvation because the Lord is patient.

/We must not mistake God's patience /as an opportunity of the flesh. /We must look forward to the Lord's return, /look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, /and we must prepare oil. /Second, Peter tells his dear friends /to be careful that Paul's letters are not distorted.

/Verse 16. /He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

/Here it says, "He writes the same way in all his letters." /2 Peter 3:16 says, /"His letters contain some things that are hard to understand." /What must we do when we come across things that are hard to understand as we interpret the Bible?

/We must not forcefully interpret the Bible. /It says, "ignorant and unstable people distort...to their own destruction." /If we come across something in the Bible that we do not know, we must pass over it. /Then we must teach it after we understand it.

/Verse 17. /Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.

/Here it says, "dear friends." /When God sees believers, he sees his dear friends. /It also says, "since you already know this." /What is "this" that they already know? /"This" is

the Lord's return /and God's judgment.

/We knew about the Lord's return, /and we knew about God's judgment. /Now that we know about the Lord's return and judgment, what must we do? /It says, "be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men."

/It we ignore the Lord's return and judgment, /we will lose faith. /Some people live with faith and then lose their faith.

/They lose faith because they do not believe in the Lord's return and judgment or wait for it. /We must strive to keep our faith so that we do not fall from our secure positions. /Third, it says, grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

/Verse 18. /But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

/It says, "But grow in the grace and knowledge /of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." /Therefore, we must know that the Lord's return and judgment will come, /and we must grow in the knowledge of our Lord. /Our spirits must grow more and more.

/We must grow in three ways, /and first, we must grow in knowledge, /second, we must grow in power, /and third, we must grow in love. /We must grow in knowledge so that we can know God more.

/Believers of Jesus already know God. /Even if we know God, we know him just a little bit. /Therefore, we must know God more, /must strive to know God until we leave this earth, /and we must continue to know God in heaven.

/The more we know God, the more wise we will become. /Next, we must grow in power. /When we grow in power, we will live victorious lives. /Even if one is a believer of Jesus but does not grow in power, /he will not live a victorious life.

/We must also grow in love. /This means that we must grow in virtue. /Jesus conquered this world with agape love. /We can conquer this world with faith /when we become people of love.

/Thus, we must grow in knowledge, /grow in power, /and grow in love /so that we can conquer this world with faith. /We must glorify God, /and I pray that you will enjoy God's grace and blessings.

/With this we will conclude the last lecture on 1 and 2 Peter. /Thank you.