

The Second Epistle of Peter

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we continue reading Peter's second epistle, this time taking a closer look at **chapter 3**, which can be divided into two subsections:

Read 2 Peter 3:1-10

- Why did Peter write both his letters? (**3:1**).
- How does **3:2** relate to **1:19-21**?
- What do the scoffers say? (**3:3-4**).
- What did these scoffers deliberately forget? (**3:5-7**).
- Although the scoffers deliberately forget this, what does Peter encourage his readers *not* to forget? (**3:8**).
- How does **3:8** relate to **3:9**?
- Why does the Lord at times seem "slow" in the keeping of the promise of his return? (**3:9**).
- How will the day of the Lord come? (**3:10**).
- How does **3:10** compare with **1 Thessalonians 5:1-9**?

Read 2 Peter 3:11-18

- What is Peter's answer to "what kind of people ought you to be"? (**3:11-12**).
- In the light of **3:13**, what is the "promise" that Peter speaks of in **3:9**?
- What is it that we are looking forward to in **3:14**? (see **3:13**).
- What should we make every effort to do? (**3:14**).
- How does **3:15** relate to **3:9**?
- What kind of people distort Paul's letters and the other Scriptures? (**3:16**)?
- Why does Peter tell his readers to be on their guard (**3:17**) and how does this relate to the previous verse?
- How does **3:17** relate to **1:10** and **1:12**?
- What does Peter desire his readers to grow in? (**3:18**).
- How does **3:18** compare with **1 Peter 5:12**?

Memory Verse

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. 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.

2 Peter 3:8-9

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!