

**HOW ARE BELIEVERS TO LIVE IN LIGHT OF HIS RETURN?  
AVOIDING SPIRITUAL DANGER BY APPLYING HIS WORD TO OUR HEARTS  
2Peter 3:5-10**

- I. *REVIEW:* **WE MUST REMEMBER GOD'S WORD**, KNOWING THEIR WILL BE THOSE WHO DECEITFULLY MOCK HIS WORD concerning the absolute reality of the destruction of the present universe and God's judgment of sinners (1-4)
  
- II. **WE MUSTN'T FORGET THIS TRUTH:** God isn't slow about His promise, complete destruction and judgment will come but He is patient, unwilling for any to perish but for all to come to repentance (5-10)
  - A. *What willingly and deceitfully escapes the mockers notice:* **God's Word is powerful and He keeps His Word (5-7)**
    - 1. Recognize False teachers willfully ignore that by the Word of God the universe was created, and the world was flooded in the past (5-6)
    - 2. Know that By God's faithful Word this present heavens and earth are being stored up fire, the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men (7)
  
  - B. *What must not escape our notice:* **What appears to be a delay is simply a manifestation of God's character, His longsuffering grace toward sinners (8-10)**
    - 1. **Beloved do not let God's Word escape your notice**, the Lord doesn't function on man's timetable or hesitate to fulfil His Word but **is patient, unwilling for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance (8-9)**
  
    - 2. **Know the Day of the Lord WILL COME** in which the current heavens, earth and its sinful works will be burned up (10)

*Next time:*

**WE MUST APPLY HIS TRUTH TO OUR PRACTICAL DAY TO DAY LIVING**, as we look forward to Jesus's coming and a new heavens and earth (11-15a)