



## **The Day of the Lord**

**Main Text for The Week:** *"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."*  
([2 Peter 3:11 KJV](#)).

### **Read and Meditate for This Week's Study:**

*2 Peter 3:1-2; John 21:15-17; 2 Peter 3:3-13; Psalm 90:4; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Matthew 24:43-51; 2 Peter 3:14-18; Proverbs 3:5; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 2:1-3.*

**Main Thought for the Week:** “Jesus is coming again.” Do we believe this? If so, how should we behave today? These are the questions that will be addressed as we consider Peter’s warning to the believers. The way in which we live either supports or undermines the messages we preach and teach. What we believe will ultimately manifest itself by how we behave. And what we believe is based on **who** we believe.



## **The Line of Authority**

### **Sunday's Summary – June 11:**

**SUMMARY THOUGHTS:** There is an idea in Christianity today that the coming of Christ makes the Old Testament obsolete, even though Jesus very specifically said that He came to do no such thing (**Matthew 5:17-19**). Nothing in the New Testament justifies the idea that the Old Testament is no longer valid or of little importance. On the contrary, it is the testimony of the Old Testament that helps establish the validity of the New and the claims that Peter was making about Jesus in his epistles.

1. Who is the Ultimate Authority in the universe? (**Proverbs 3:5; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**)

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2. What has God given us for doctrinal guidance? (**2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 3:1-3**)

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**Discuss/Consider:** Why must the Word of God be the ultimate authority in our lives, and not culture or philosophy or our own judgment/reason? \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Scoffers

### Monday's Summary – June 12:

1. What are some of the arguments we will hear from skeptics of Christ's return?

(2 Peter 3:3-4) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do we see so much scoffing and doubt at this time in earth's history?

(Proverbs 9:10; 2 Timothy 3:1-2, 5, 7) \_\_\_\_\_

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**ILLUMINATION:** "Scoffers pointed to the things of nature,—to the unvarying succession of the seasons, to the blue skies that had never poured out rain, to the green fields refreshed by the soft dews of night,—and they cried out: "Doth he not speak parables?" In contempt they declared the preacher of righteousness to be a wild enthusiast; and they went on, more eager in their pursuit of pleasure, more intent upon their evil ways, than before. But their unbelief did not hinder the predicted event. God bore long with their wickedness, giving them ample opportunity for repentance; but at the appointed time His judgments were visited upon the rejecters of His mercy."

- Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 338.

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## **A Thousand Years as a Day**

### **Tuesday's Summary – June 13:**

1. What reason does Peter offer for why Christ has not yet returned? (2 Peter 3:8-10; Numbers 14:18) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What does it mean that a thousand years are as a day, and vice versa? (2 Peter 3:8; Psalm 90:4; Isaiah 55:8-9) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUMMARY THOUGHTS:** From a human perspective, there does seem to be a delay in the return of Christ. But we are looking at things only from our human perspective. From God's perspective, there is no delay. In fact, Peter is saying that extra time has been granted because God is showing His patience. He does not wish that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). The extra time, then, has been allowed to provide opportunity for many to repent and for us to share the gospel with others - but the **day of the Lord** will come, so we need to avoid becoming evil servants (Luke 12:45-46).

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## So What?

### Wednesday's Summary – June 14:

1. In what way should our knowledge of the second coming impact our behavior today?  
(2 Peter 3:11-13; Matthew 24:43-44) \_\_\_\_\_

**ILLUMINATION:** "The evil servant says in his heart, "My lord delayeth his coming." He does not say that Christ will not come. He does not scoff at the idea of His second coming. But in his heart and by his actions and words he declares that the Lord's coming is delayed. He banishes from the minds of others the conviction that the Lord is coming quickly. His influence leads men to presumptuous, careless delay. They are confirmed in their worldliness and stupor. Earthly passions, corrupt thoughts, take possession of the mind. The evil servant eats and drinks with the drunken, unites with the world in pleasure seeking. He smites his fellow servants, accusing and condemning those who are faithful to their Master. He mingles with the world. Like grows with like in transgression. It is a fearful assimilation. With the world he is taken in the snare. "The lord of that servant shall come ... in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites." " - Ellen G. White, **Desire of Ages**, p 635

**Appeal:** Take a moment today and prayerfully consider if there are any ways in which you are scoffing at the promises of Christ's coming, by the choices you are making on a daily basis.

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## **A Final Appeal**

### **Thursday's Summary – June 15:**

1. What are some key points that the apostles make as they close their epistles?  
(2 Peter 3:14-18; 2 Timothy 3:13-15) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How critical is wisdom and understanding in the Christian experience?  
(Matthew 24:4-5; 2 Peter 3:17; 1 John 3:7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ILLUMINATION:** “In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years?” – **Counsels to Writers and Editors**, pg 53.

**Discuss/Consider:** Given how many times Jesus and the apostles all warned against deception, is it really surprising how many false doctrines and teachings are being promoted today? What is our only defense? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wrapping It All Up...

### Friday's Summary – June 16:

**ILLUMINATION:** “Because we know not the exact time of His coming, we are commanded to watch. ‘Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching.’ **Luke 12:37**. Those who watch for the Lord’s coming are not waiting in idle expectancy. The expectation of Christ’s coming is to make men fear the Lord, and fear His judgments upon transgression. It is to awaken them to the great sin of rejecting His offers of mercy. Those who are watching for the Lord are purifying their souls by obedience to the truth.” - Ellen G. White, **The Desire of Ages**, p. 634.

**Final Thoughts:** We at Metro New York World Ministry are committed to preaching the soon, visible, audible, literal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with all the heavenly hosts (**Jude 1:14-15**). Furthermore, we are committed to lives of active service as we wait for the Second Coming, endeavoring to offer the hope of salvation to all we can reach. This life of service is only possible through a living connection with Jesus Christ, by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is coming soon – let us watch and be ready.

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