



OUR COMING KING

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WARM-UP QUESTION: What does it look like to eagerly wait for something or someone?

READ: 2 Peter 3:9-14

FOCUS: Advent means Jesus is coming again, so let's live like it!

OBSERVE:

Advent means Jesus is coming (2 Peter 3:9-10):

- The **day of the Lord** is the promised second Advent or coming of Christ. At His first coming, Jesus came to die for sinners as a servant; at His second coming, He will return to rule and reign as king, bringing God's judgment on the earth.
- As the day and time of His arrival are unknown—**coming like a thief** (see also, 1 Thess. 5:2)—we should be prepared for it at any time.
- **The heavens will disappear with a roar** because Jesus will usher in a new age and new heaven and earth where there is no more sin, sickness, disease or death.
- God's judgment by **fire** will expose or reveal the true nature of things, destroying what is not from Him and purifying what is. Only what honors Christ will remain in the new heaven and new earth.
- For those who reject Jesus as Lord, His second Advent will be a terrible day of judgment and destruction, but for those who follow Him, it will be a glorious day of justice, restoration and peace.

We should live accordingly (2 Peter 3:11-14):

- In light of Jesus' second coming, we should live holy, godly and missional lives.
- Peter exhorts believers to live **holy**, set apart lives marked by purity and blamelessness. God's people are to reflect His character and goodness to a watching world. Jesus is coming again to judge the earth, so let's live like it by being holy.
- In the new heaven and new earth, **godliness** will be the norm; everything and everyone will reflect God's goodness. By cultivating attitudes and behaviors that represent Christ-likeness (think fruits of the Spirit), we can point to the reality and goodness of Jesus' second coming.
- Since God the Father longs for followers who love Him, He waits for people to repent and turn to Him. But He won't wait forever. Jesus is coming again, so let's live like it by being **missional**, sharing the good news of His return with those around us.

REFLECT:

- In which of the three ways of living – holy, godly and missionally – do you want to grow?
- Can you identify times in your life when you have lived more or less holy, godly or missionally?
- Does the second Advent change the way you live now?

TAKE ACTION:

- Meditate on 2 Peter 3:9-14 this week and ask God to fill your heart with the certainty and anticipation of Jesus' return.

PRAY: *Father God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, at the first Advent. Instill in us the conviction of Jesus' second coming when all things will be made new. Make that reality, Your revealed truth, the basis for how we live. Empower us, by Your Spirit, to live in a manner that is holy, godly and missional. May the world marvel at Your church as we point to Your return. In Jesus' name, amen.*