

The Folly Of Mocking God's Plans

2 Peter 3:1-7

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers

will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the

earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

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1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, preparing your **minds** for action, and being **sober-minded**, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:15

And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time **to recall** these things

The minds of the godly become dim,
and as it were contract rust, when
admonitions cease. But we also hence
learn, that men even endued with
learning, become, in a manner,
drowsy, except they are stirred up by
constant warnings.

– John Calvin

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predictions of the holy **prophets**
and the **commandment** of the
Lord and Savior through your
apostles

Psalm 1:5

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

Jeremiah 25:31

The clamor will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against the nations; he is entering into judgment with all flesh, and the wicked he will put to the sword, declares the Lord.'

Matthew 13:41-43

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

John 14:1-3

Let not your hearts be troubled. **Believe in God; believe also in me.** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also

that **scoffers** will come in the **last days** with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to... teachings of demons

Jude 1:17-18

But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."

They will say, “**Where** is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

Jeremiah 17:15

Behold, they say to me, "**Where** is the word of the Lord? Let it come!"

Psalm 42:3

My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "**Where** is your God?"

Peter discloses in no uncertain terms that their rejection of Christ's return is rooted in their determination to fashion a god in their own image. Simply put, they want a silent god when it comes to rendering a final accounting for deeds done in the flesh.

– David Helm

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Genesis 1:2

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Psalm 33:8-9

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let
all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him! For he spoke,
and it came to be; he commanded,
and it stood firm.

and that by means of these the
world that then existed was
deluged with water and perished

2 Peter 2:5

if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, **when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly**

Matthew 24:37-39

For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

But by the **same word** the heavens and earth that now exist are **stored up for fire**, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly

Creation was the fruit of a word. Jehovah said, "Light be," and light was. The Lord's acts are sublime in their ease and instantaneousness. "What kind of a word is this?" This was the wondering enquiry of old, and it may be ours to this day.

– Charles Spurgeon