

“Reminder #2: Mercy Is Here For A Time ”  
(#29 in the “Practical Preaching From The Pen Of Peter” series)

II Peter 3:8-10

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (II Peter 3:8)
- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ against ignorance (vs. 8a): Because of his \_\_\_\_\_ for his readers, Peter doesn't want them to be “ignorant” of an important fact.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of ignorance (vs. 8b): The false teachers/scoffers were ignorant of God's \_\_\_\_\_. Whereas man is bound by the limits of time and perceives everything from that limited perspective, God \_\_\_\_\_ time- He is not bound by it, nor is His perspective limited by it!
- i. He always \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_, and He always *will* \_\_\_\_\_!
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (II Peter 3:9)
- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's judgment (vs. 9a): In light of God's perspective on time, He is not slow/late/negligent concerning His \_\_\_\_\_ to bring judgment upon the world.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's judgment (vs. 9b)
- i. The \_\_\_\_\_: His longsuffering does have a \_\_\_\_\_ - it ends when everyone whom He knows *will be saved is saved*. He is not willing to do anything that would jeopardize that- He will come to get us and judge the world when the time is \_\_\_\_\_!
- i. It's a secondary application here that God is also longsuffering toward the \_\_\_\_\_ in his suspension of judgment! (Ezekiel 18:23 – “**Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?**”)(Ezekiel 33:11a – “**Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from**

*his way and live...*”)(I Timothy 2:4 – “**Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**”)

- ii. The \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Note the emphasis on *repentance* as a necessary \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation! (Luke 13:3, 5 – “**I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish...**” <sup>5</sup> **I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**”)
- i. Repentance is a change of \_\_\_\_\_ that results in an action of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. Also note that this verse does *NOT* support the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ *salvation*- the belief that, because Christ died for all mankind, all mankind will eventually be \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
- i. Christ's sacrifice was \_\_\_\_\_ for all, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ only for those who follow Him in faith. He will *not* override man's \_\_\_\_\_ to accept or reject Him.
- III. The “\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord” (II Peter 3:10)
- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10a): In light of the longsuffering of the Lord, Peter once again emphasizes that “*the day of the Lord*” **WILL** come. His coming judgment will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10b): This sinful, corrupt world (*and everything in it that man counts important*) will not be able to abide the return of a holy, righteous God. It will not stand the test of the \_\_\_\_\_ - it will instead be \_\_\_\_\_ into “*a new heaven and a new earth*”! (Revelation 21:1 – “**And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**”)