



Here's the truth. Jesus is coming! (16)

I. The stage is set. He is coming! (16-18)

- A. The Majestic One (16)
- B. Jesus, as King, received honor and glory from the Father. (17; Ps 2:6)
- C. The Presentation of the Son (17; Ps 2:7-9; Isa 42:1)

Just as Peter heard the audible voice of God, we also have the words of God in Scripture.

II. Trust the lamp until the light arrives. (19-21)

- A. The trustworthy lamp. (19)
- B. The Light is coming. (19)
- C. You can trust Scripture because it is from God, not man. (20-21)

How does this apply to me?



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INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

LIVE WITH THE END IN MIND

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

The huge question before us is, how should we live? The only valid way to answer that is in light of how everything will end. If life just keeps going on without any end in sight, then we might as well live however we choose. If there will be no final accountability for our actions, then there should be no restriction on our actions. If the end of all things, at least the end of our lives, is simply nothingness or annihilation, then purpose for today quickly evaporates. So how should we then live? After all, we can't know the future. Right?

No, not right. We do know the future. Oh, not all the details. But we know how things will end. The Holy Spirit, through Peter's pen, speaks clearly about the last days. Over and over again Peter uses the picture of everything being dissolved by fire. But this fire doesn't lead to oblivion and nothingness. It is part of God's judgment. Not only the material earth, but all those people who have inhabited this earth, will face the judgment of God. How we live now is important. There is judgment and existence beyond the destruction of this planet at the end of the age.

As believers, we anticipate His coming. But His certain return to judge is also the ultimate motivator for us to live holy and godly lives. We live with the end in mind.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

2 Peter 3t

