

Promise, Patience, and Power

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Scripture: 2 Peter 3:9-13, *New International Version (NIV)*

Background: Exodus 34:6-7; Numbers 20:1-13; Luke 9:2

Context: Peter's response to the scoffers in 2 Peter 3 reframes how we view time, shifting our focus from what may seem delayed to God's purposes according to His sovereign timetable from human impatience to divine purpose. False teachers denied Jesus Christ and His promised return (see vv. 3-7), but Peter answered their claim by explaining that "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness" (see v. 9a).

Peter reminds his readers that God measures time differently than humanity does. What some view as divine delay is only a delay according to human expectations—not God's schedule. In fact, God's timing is shaped by His patience, a defining attribute of the heavenly Father.¹

Our Mission Statement

To love and serve God through Jesus Christ, our Savior, by the power of the Holy Spirit. To be committed to reshaping the lives of our families, our church, and our communities through *biblical worship, discipleship, and evangelism.*

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God's Personality Prioritizes Promise

^{9a} The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness.

God's Presence Can Provide Patience

^{9b} Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Godly Penitence Positions Us With Power

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

¹³ But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹ John F. Walvoord. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*. (CO, Cook Ministries, 2000), 876.