

Sermon Study Guide –

2 Peter 3:8-10

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Title: **“Where is this Coming? pt.2”**

Sermon Idea: Remember who God is as you anticipate the end.

Key Points:

Believers need to remember that:

1. God is Eternal: God’s time is not like our time. (v.8)
2. God is Merciful: God’s delay is an act of His love and kindness. (v.9)
3. God is Just: Be ready – Jesus will return suddenly and make all right! (v.10)

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that Jesus will return to judge the world and that believers must know God well in order to respond well during the end times.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) focus on knowing God intimately, (2) be merciful as God is merciful, (3) repent and call others to repent.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need for a proper attitude toward the second coming of Jesus.

Recommended Resources: *“Heaven,”* Randy Alcorn; *“Surprised by Hope,”* N.T. Wright

Intro: Have you or a friend ever been robbed? What was lost? Had you known it was going to happen, what might you have done in preparation?

Dig:

Day 1: 2 Peter 3:8-10 is a continuation of Peter’s defense of the imminent return of Jesus. What points does He make here?

Day 2: Psalm 90:1-6 affirms that God is eternal. Why is this attribute of God so important? How does it apply to the question of the return of Jesus?

Day 3: Exodus 34:4-7 affirms that God is merciful. What does it mean that God is “slow to anger?” Why is that a good thing? Does that mean that He’ll never judge?

Day 4: Romans 2:1-10 describes God’s righteous judgment. How will God judge? What will happen to people? How is God’s kindness seen even in His judgment?

Day 5: Skim Acts 2:14-41. In this passage, Peter preaches the gospel based on the end times prophecy of Joel. What is Peter calling the people to? How was Joel’s prophecy relevant to Peter’s message?

Apply:

- Repent and believe in Jesus if you never have!
- Read “Heaven” by Randy Alcorn in order to alleviate any fear or hesitation you have about the end times.
- Study the attributes of God. Look up key words like “eternal,” “mercy,” “just,” and others and see how these apply to God.
- Be merciful and slow to anger with others just as God is with you.

Pray: Father God, there is none like You! You are eternal, beyond time; You are merciful, loving and kind in delaying Your judgment; and You are just and true in all Your ways, King of all the universe. I bow before You and lovingly submit to You as my Lord, Savior and King!
