

Jas. 5:7-9.

"If the Outlook be dark, try the uplook."

Patience is the theme.

1. The command to be patient, 7. This is reference to rapture.
2. The example. 7b. Early rain from Oct. to Dec. Latter in March, April. Long patience nec. bec. ground can't be plowed since it doesn't rain from May to Sept.
3. The basis or hope, 8. Lord's coming is nigh.
4. The application. No grudging. Word denotes feeling which is internal and unexpressed. Rom. 8:23. Never forget that judgment is linked with rapture. Just bec. the Xn fight is severe without don't get nervous and upset and cause friction within. Hinders work of Lord and lose reward.

1 Peter 5:4.

It is Peter, the pope, who calls X the chief shepherd. Connected with 2nd coming evidently. His title is. The reward here is at rapture. Crown of glory to the elders who have been faithful. Note epistle starts with fadeless inheritance and ends with fadeless crown. What grace.

2 Peter 3.

Theme: The scoffers

- I. The object of their scoffing, 1-4; the second coming (may be applied to rapture).
 - A. Spoken of in 1st epistle, vs. 1.
 - 1:11; 2:16 ff--how to live.
 - B. Spoken of by the prophets, 2a.
 1. Enoch, Jude 14,15.
 2. Isaiah, 2:2-4; 9:6,7; 11:1-5.
 3. Jeremiah, 33:15,16.
 4. David, Psa. 2:6; 72:7-11.
 5. Daniel, 2:34f.
 6. Zechariah, 14:4,5.
 - C. Spoken of by the apostles, 2b.
 1. Peter, 2 Pet. 1:19.
 2. John, Rev. 19:11-16.
 3. Paul, 2 Thess. P mentions baptism 13x; 2nd com. 50x. 1/20 of NT
 - D. Spoken of by the scoffers, 3,4.
 1. When? last days of this age.
 2. How? by proposing uniformity of nature. "I do not believe in the physical return of Jesus" Fosdick, Mod. Use of Bible 104.
- II. The Cause for their scoffing, vs. 5-7-- ignorance.
 - A. Its source, their own willingness. "Personally I do not pretend to know the details of the future life". Fosdick. 102.
 - B. Its content. of their ignorance.
 1. The fact of creation by God, vs.5.
 2. The fact of the judgment of the flood, vs.6.
 3. Preservation of the world, vs.7. Heb. 1:3.
 4. Future judgment. Just as literal as the flood. World not better

2 Peter 3 (contd)

III. The answers to their scoffing, 8-18.

A. In relation to God, 8-10.

1. His wisdom, vs.8, Psa. 90:4.
2. His longsuffering, vs.9.
3. His righteousness, vs. 10.
 - a. The certainty of His coming.
 - b. The character of His coming. Mt.24:43; 1 Thess. 5:2.
 - c. The consequence of His coming. Isa. 51:6.

B. In relation to believers.

1. Our lives, vs. 11. Tit. 2:12,13.
2. Our expectation, 12,13. Hasting means earnestly desiring. Day of God is eternity.
3. Our diligence, 14. Spot cf. 2:13.
4. Our desire. lost to be saved. Attested by Paul. Recognition of canon. Peter and P agreed on doctrine in spite of Gal. 2:12. Law and grace hard to understand, says Pope Peter.
5. Our awareness, 17.
6. Our growth in grace and knowledge, 18a.
7. Our praise, 18b.

"I'd like to see churches and church organizations spend less time celebrating the fact that they have been going for a 100 or 200 or 500 years, and more on the prospect that they have only 10 or 20 or 50 to go But, men and brethren, the nations are rushing toward destruction and the time is short." Hutchinson in Xn Century, March 47.

1 Jn. 2:28.

I. The exhortation, abide. Defined in 3:24.

II. The practical results.

- A. Positively. Have lit. boldness. "Fearless trust when the soul meets God."
- B. Not ashamed. An account of our works. This is rapture and judgment seat of X in view. Lit. turn with shame from him. ^{διὰ τὸν}. If we are ashamed here He will be ashamed at 2nd coming, Lk. 9:26.

1 Jn. 3:2,3.

I. Our future prospect, vs.2.

- a. Based on position. Children, not sons, and shows that even weakest Xn included.
- b. Not yet fully revealed.
- c. Yet certain--like Him. Means pure, v3; sinless, vs5; righteous, v7.

¶I. Our present practice, vs.3.

- A. Motivated by hope. Look, Tit.2:13; Watch, 1 Thess. 5:6; Wait, 1 Cor. 1:7.
- B. Characterized by purity. 1 Jn.2:6. Tit.2:12,13.

Jude 14,15.

Reference is to 2nd coming. Cf. Zech. 14:5. Do not know how Jude knew he said this.