

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for November 19-20, 2005

"Remembering God's Wrath"

2 Peter 3:1-7

1. God's Word stirs up man (3:1-2)

a. God's Word through Peter (3:1)

Peter's first letter is the book of 1 Peter.

The purpose of 2 Peter is to stir up by way of reminder, which assumes a prior knowledge. "Sincere" assumes a desire to obey.

b. God's words through the prophets (3:2)

c. God's words through the apostles (3:2)

2. Man's words scoff at God (3:3-4)

a. The mockers are promised

b. Their motive is their passion

c. Their mocking is presumptuous

1) They doubt God's integrity

2) They disregard God's intervention

One of the most common errors that people make is assuming that everything will remain the same.

3. God's Word has shaped the earth (3:5)

Those who fail to recognize God in creation do so deliberately.

It is by faith that we know God's Word created the world (Hebrews 11:3).

Belief in God includes a belief in creationism. The reference to the formation of the earth out of water and by water is based on Genesis 1:1-10.

4. God's Word has swamped the earth (3:6)

God created by water and God destroyed by water.

Belief in God includes belief in a universal flood.

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5. God's Word will smoke the earth (3:7)

a. The coming judgment has a greater wrath

1) The scope of the wrath

2) The span of the wrath

3) The subjects of the wrath

b. The coming judgment has a greater warning

As with the judgment of the flood, the warning is to God's people. People must be warned to flee from the wrath to come (Matthew 3:7).