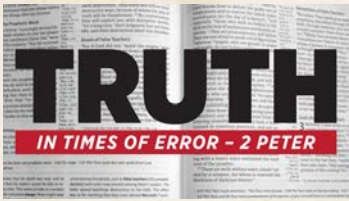


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Message Info

Title:

Righteousness Comes
With a Roar

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Scriptures:

2 Peter 3:1-13

Theme: Get comfortable with righteousness now because it will be our future home.

Introduction: Christians have an uneasy relationship with the world. We are told to be *in* the world but not *of* the world. Because of our ultimate allegiance to Jesus, we pursue growth in righteousness; and that brings us into conflict with the world and its values at points. So we can't really make ourselves at home here; but that points us to the truth that this world is not our home. We are waiting for another.

Here are 3 ways for us to get comfortable with righteousness now in anticipation of the life to come:

1. Remember (1-4)

Peter has been reminding us of essential Christian truth all throughout this letter. We need to be reminded often, lest the basics "cease to have an active influence on us" (Douglas Moo).

We are called to remember 2 things: the prediction of the prophets, and the commandment of the Lord.

The prophets remind us that judgment is coming on That Day, and the Lord reminds us of all that he is and has done, including that he will return one day. Scoffers, meanwhile, deny the Lord's return; and Peter tells us why: they are driven by sinful desires. They don't want Jesus to return.

2. Do not overlook (5-10)

Scoffers deliberately overlook the evidence for Jesus' return and the reality of God's judgment in Noah's day. They willfully deny what is obviously true.

We must recognize that all rebellion against God is evil and there is no good motive for doing so.

We, too, must not overlook that God is not bound by time, and he is never slow to keep his promise. He always accomplishes all he intends at the proper time.

3. Wait & haste (11-13)

Peter then gives us the intended effect of these truths: we should live holy lives as we're waiting for the righteous age to come.

That Day will come with a roar, purging and purifying everything in righteousness. So we must not conform to worldliness, but should eagerly anticipate his return.

Questions:

1. How do you live differently from the world?

2. How are you doing in trusting the Lord's timing in your life? How does Peter encourage your faith?

3. What will happen to you on Judgment Day? Are you looking forward to Jesus' return? (see the [Trinity Confession](#), chs. 34-35, for details).