Welcome to the Family



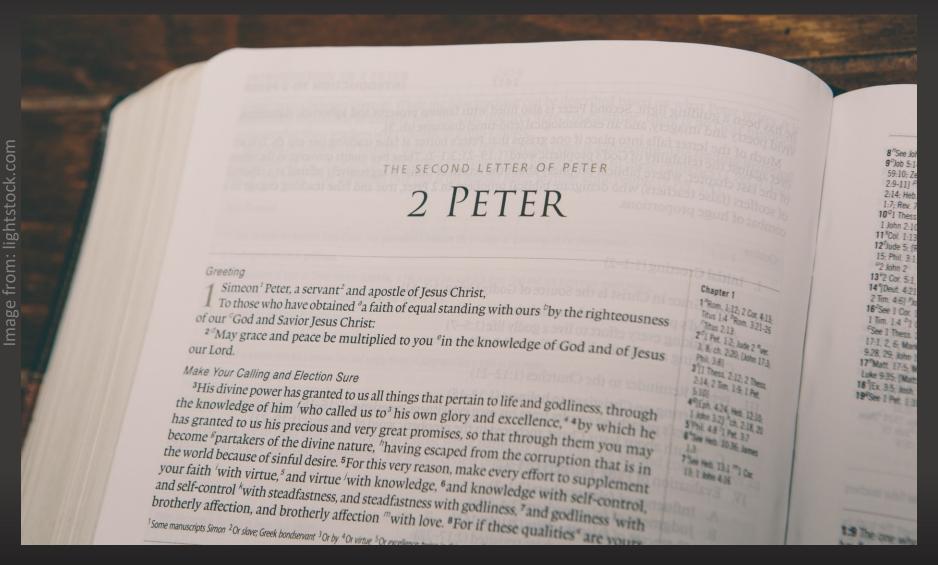
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Final Words from Peter



2 Peter 1:1

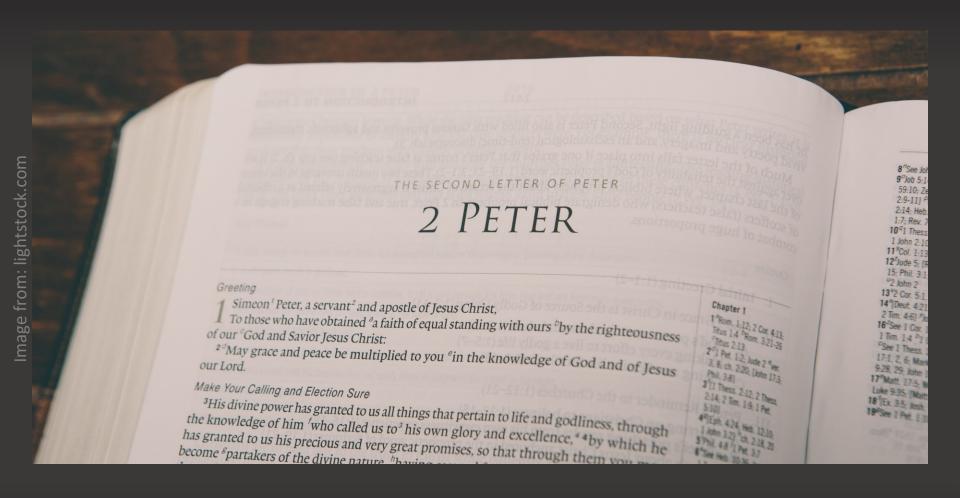
¹ Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

^{*}All verses from 1995 New American Standard Version

2 Peter 1:13-14

- ¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder,
- ¹⁴ knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

Final Words from Peter



The Day of the Lord

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2 Peter Chapter 3



1) His purpose: reminding – v. 1-2.

2 Peter 3:1-2

- ¹This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,
- ² that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

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2 Peter Chapter 3



2) What mockers will say – v. 3-4.

2 Peter 3:3-4

- ³ Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts,
- ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."



3) What they are missing – v. 5-10.

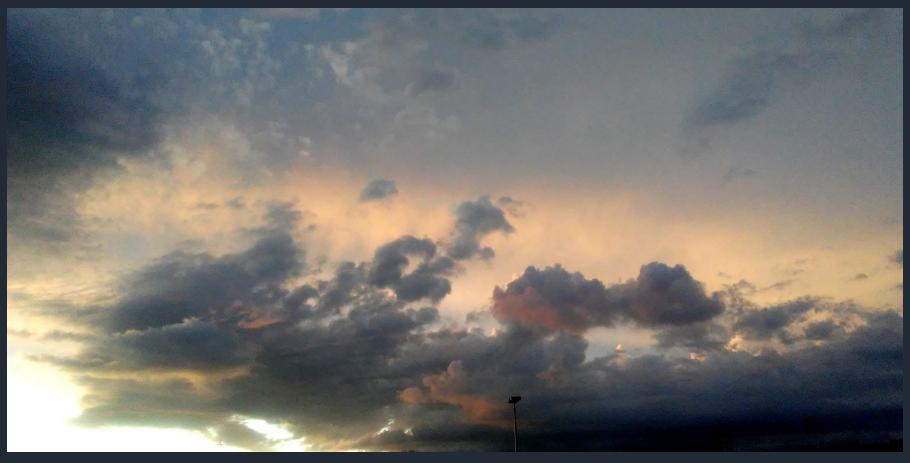
- ⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water,
- ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

- ⁸ But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.
- ⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

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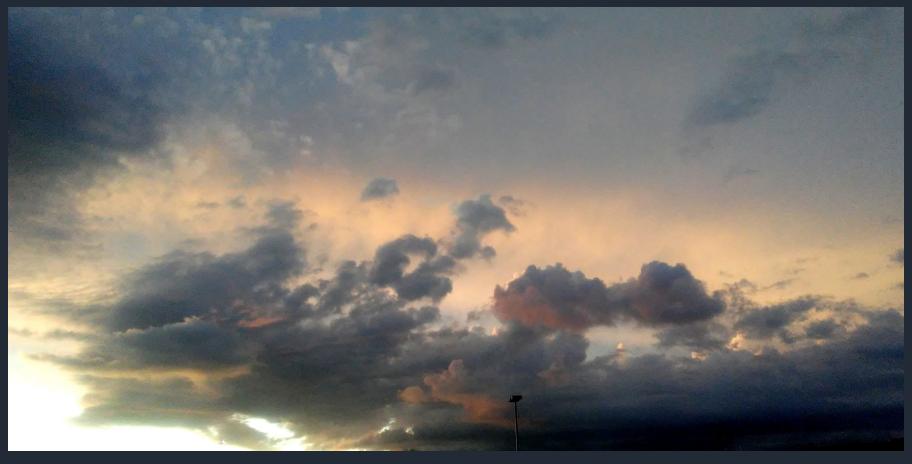
-God has brought judgment before.

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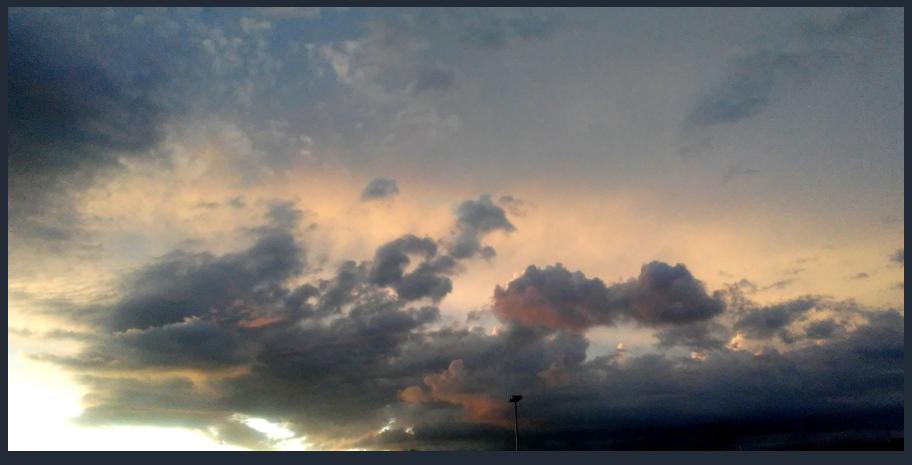


-God is trying to be patient.

2 Peter 3:8-9

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2 Peter Chapter 3



-God promised His day will come.

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2 Peter 3:7

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4) A perspective question – v. 11ff.

2 Peter 3:11-15

- ¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
- ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

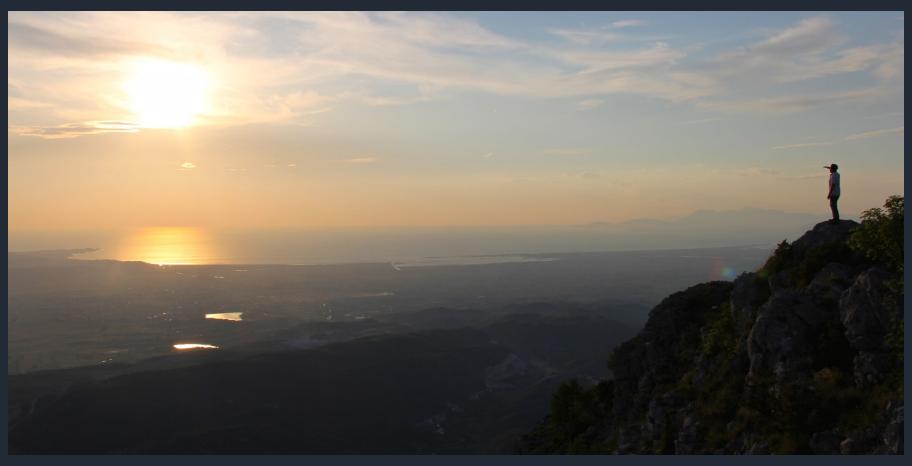
2 Peter 3:11-15

¹³ But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:11-15

- ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,
- ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; ...

Since This Will All Be Destroyed...



> Scripture tries to remind us:

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James 4:13-14

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." ¹⁴ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Psalm 90:12

¹² So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

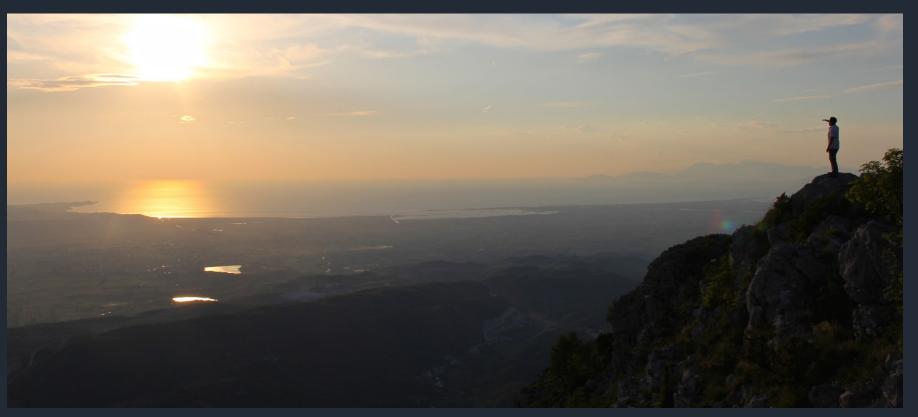
Mark 13:31-33

- ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- ³² But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *alone*.
- ³³ "Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the *appointed* time will come.

James 5:8

⁸ You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Some characteristics that should grow out of that:



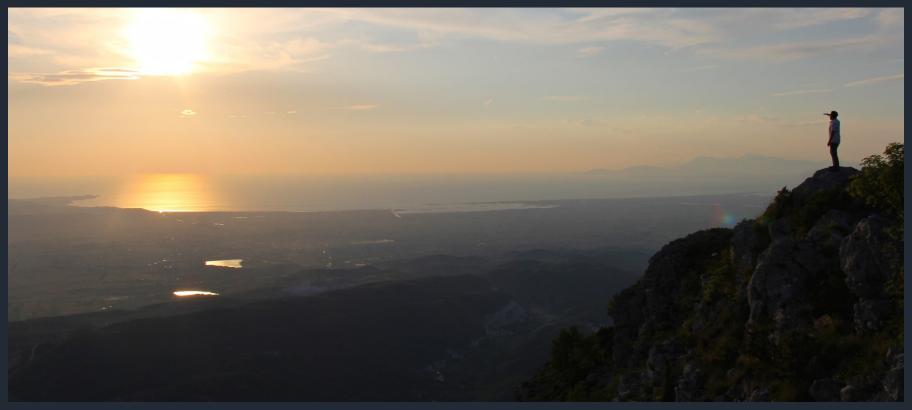
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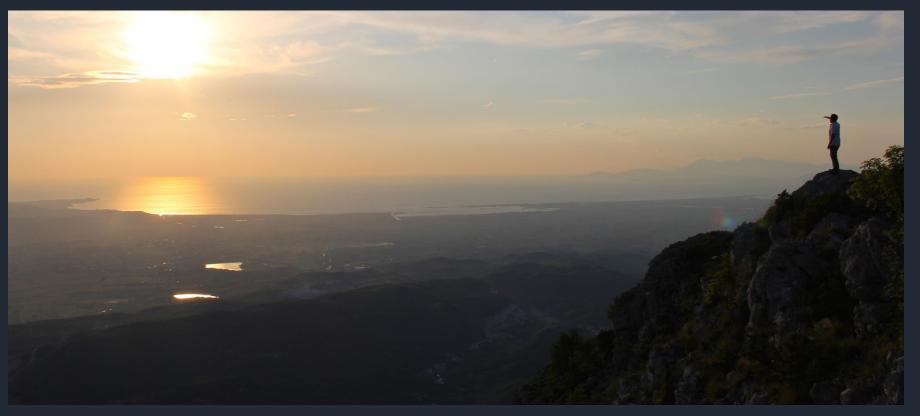
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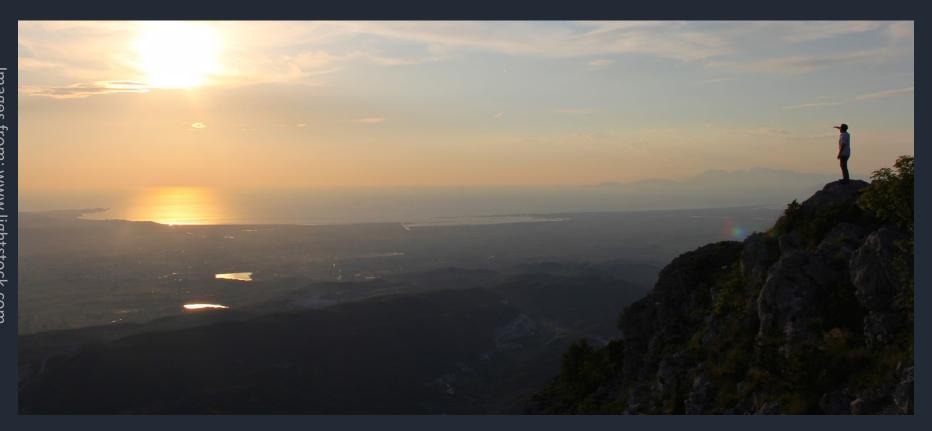
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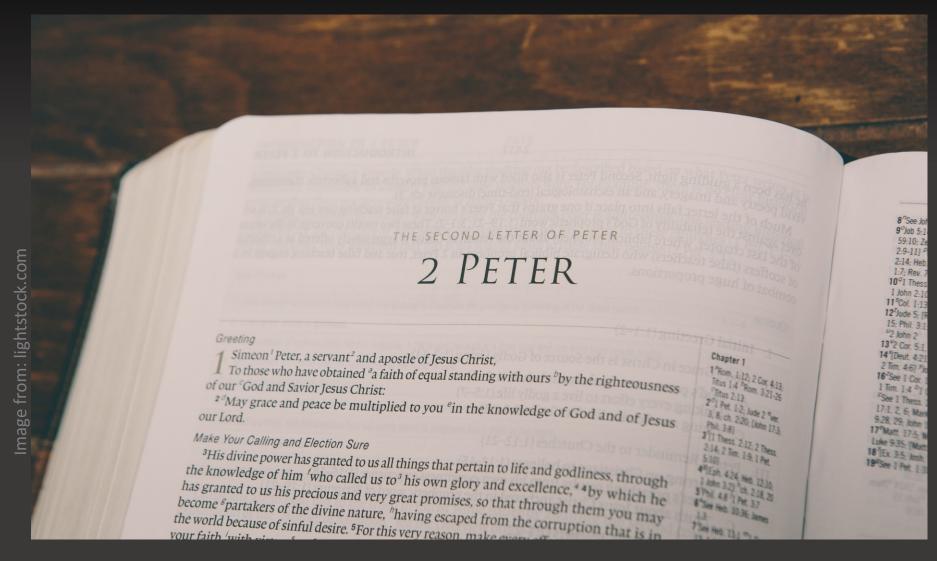
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Growing

2 Peter 3:17-18

- ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,
- ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.



God's promises about the end should impact how we live...

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, "<u>Repent</u>, and each of you <u>be baptized</u> in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and <u>pray for one another</u> so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.