

Dear Open Door Family,

Another politician got caught in a lie. Who? That is not the point I'm trying to make. The problem is that for the most part, politicians who do something wrong, seldom pay the penalty for what they have done. It has to be pretty extreme for them to be forced out of office, and it is only rarely that they actually go to jail. On some level that upsets me. It should. Injustice and sinful disobedience of the Law should not be something that we put up with. There have been times I have cried out to the Lord in prayer and say O God they have gotten away with it. The answer that comes back from scripture is clear - NO they have not. Let's look at these verses together.

2 Peter 3:10-13 (NIV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. [11] Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives [12] as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. [13] But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

The Day of the Lord - is the beginning of the end. It will be the start of God's judgment of sin and the start of eternity. Peter tells us that the day of the Lord will come - sometimes we move so quickly into the rest of the verses that we miss this phrase and how important it is. Peter is telling us this day **WILL COME** there is **NO** doubt. Then he tells how it come and what it will be like. But the fact is, that **DAY** will come. It will come in God's perfect time. How should the assurance that this day **WILL** come impact us? It should cause us to live **HOLY** and **GODLY** lives. It should cause us to look forward **EAGERLY** to the return of our Lord Jesus. **WHY?** Because the new heaven and new earth will be **OUR** home. They will be the home of the righteous - those who have been made holy through the cross of Jesus. So as we look forward to **THAT DAY** when perfect Justice will prevail, **THAT DAY** when we will see and enjoy God's Rule over the Universe, **THAT DAY** when there will be no more sin, or struggles, or suffering, let us Honor Jesus Christ **NOW TODAY** by the way that we Think, Talk, and Act.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I'm ready for You to come. I long for that day when I will no longer have to struggle to live the godly and holy life that I want to live. I want to see Your glory and be in complete and total AWE of You as I fall before You. Until then, May I live with You as my Focus. May I live out the TRUTH of Your Word in practical real ways. Help me to be godly and holy as I walk with You in the Yoke.

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