***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 15**

**Scoffers**

Read II Peter 3

 Memory Work: II Peter 3:9

 1. Why did Peter write this second letter? Verses 1 and 2.

 2.a. What will come in the last days? Verse 3.

 b. Are we in the last days now? Hebrews 1:2. Give your observation.

 c. In the last days, how will these scoffers walk. . .and what will they say? Verse 4.

 d. What will these scoffers willfully forget? Verses 5 and 6.

 3.a. What does the Second Coming have in common with the flood? II Peter 3:6,7.

b. What were the people doing in the days of Noah and Lot, according to Luke 17:26-30?

c. Is today similar?

d. Why weren’t the people ready?

 4.a. The next judgment will be by. . .II Peter 3:7,10.

 b. What do you and I often forget? II Peter 3:8,9

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 c. What seems like a delay is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 d. How does the Lord’s patience or longsuffering differ from slowness?

 e. How long did the Lord wait in the days of Noah? I Peter 3:20. Genesis 6:3.

Challenge f. How long did God wait for Israel and Judah to repent?

g. Is verse 9 a promise to pray for the lost. . .do you?

 5.a. What will the Day of the Lord be like? II Peter 3:10-12.

 b. Does John (Revelation 21:1) agree with Peter (II Peter 3:10). . .what is the promise? Verse 13.

c. What are we to do? Matthew 24:42-44. Revelation 3:3.

 6. a. Is the Day of the Lord inevitable or is it avoidable? John 3:16.

b. Are true Christians appointed to God’s wrath. . . I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:4-11; Romans 5:9. . .why not? Remember Enoch, Noah, and Lot also–all were taken out.

 c. Should we set a time? Why or why not? Matthew 24:36; I Thessalonians 5:1-3.

 7.a. What does the “Day of the Lord” mean? II Peter 3:10-13. Revelation 14:7.

Evaluate b. In the light of Scripture, can you hang on to anything?

 c. What are we to look for? II Peter 3:13.

d. What does Peter exhort you to be? II Peter 3:11,12.

 8.a. What is the “therefore” referring to? II Peter 3:14.

 b. What are we to be diligent about?

 c. What does it mean to be at peace with Him. . .without spot. . .and blameless?

 d. Are you? Explain.

 9. Does the Day of the Lord fill you with dread or real joy. . .why?

Think about 10a. Have you known people who, despite their knowledge of God, have fallen into false teachings or the

 error of the wicked. . .how did that happen to them?

 b. How can you guard against that yourself?

 11a. What is Peter’s last admonition? Verse 17,18.

 b. How does Paul affirm Peter’s statement? See Colossians 1:9-12.

 12a. Reflecting back on II Peter, what is on Peter’s heart as he faces death?

Think about b. Would this be on your heart as you face death?