**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. The political rhetoric of our day has been about something called a “New World Order.”
      1. The truth of the matter is that there is a new world order coming, but it is not going to be put together by politicians or the government.
   2. 2 Peter 3:13
      1. Not only will there be a new world order, but the very heavens themselves are also going to be made new.
   3. The new world order is coming, but not as some think.
      1. What people call a new order is just a rearrangement of the old disorder.
         1. It has been said that one cannot make a good omelet out of bad eggs.
            1. No matter how we stir it, mix it, or cook it, it is the same old thing.
      2. The new world order is going to come about when the Lord Jesus Christ comes in power and glory to receive His own and to judge the wicked.
   4. 2 Peter deals with authentic Christianity.
      1. When Peter talks about authentic Christianity, he is warning us against apostates.
   5. In 2 Peter 3, we have the following:
      1. An argument against the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ by the apostates.
      2. An affirmation and confirmation of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ by the apostle.
   6. No matter how bad the situation in the world is today, we know how it is going to end.
      1. Rather than asking what the world is coming to, we can praise God for who is coming to the world.
      2. The cornerstone of our faith is the deity of Christ.
      3. The hope of our faith is that Jesus Christ, who came to die for us, is coming to rule and to reign in power and great glory.
   7. We live in a world where there is anarchy, and there is sometimes apostasy in the pulpit and apathy in the pew.
      1. God’s people ought to be burning, emotional fire brands of truth, love, and power for Jesus Christ.
   8. In today’s message, we will look at the scoffing denials of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Scriptural declaration of His Second Coming.
2. the scoffing denials of his coming
   1. 2 Peter 3:1-6
      1. We have in this passage three apostate reactions to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ:
         1. An emotional reaction
         2. An intellectual reaction
         3. A volitional reaction
            1. The emotions, the mind, and the will argue against the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
   2. The devil hates the idea of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ because it is there that Satan will be sentenced.
      1. It is there that judgment will be passed upon sin.
      2. It is there that Satan’s kingdom of terror will come tumbling down.
      3. It is there that the saints will be honored, glorified, and blessed.
   3. The first argument is an emotional argument.
      1. “There shall come in the last days scoffers.”
         1. 2 Peter 3:3
      2. There are those who will simply laugh and scoff at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
         1. Scoffing is a substitute for substance.
            1. When a person is losing an argument, he will turn to ridicule, sarcasm, or scoffing.

He will turn to mockery.

* + - 1. Good people have always known that when they stand up for the truth, they are going to be open to mockery and ridicule.
      2. In these last days, the ones who will be mocked will be the conservative, Bible-believing Christians.
         1. The servant is not better than his Lord.

The Lord Jesus was mocked.

Mark 5:40

Luke 22:63

* + 1. The devil’s arsenal to try to keep someone from loving, knowing, and serving God is simply that he might be ridiculed and laughed at.
    2. Scoffers hate the Second Coming of Jesus Christ because they are living in sin.
       1. Scoffers walk after their own lusts.
          1. 2 Peter 3:3
       2. A person who ridicules the Second Coming of Jesus Christ has the devil’s initials carved in his or her heart.
    3. The Bible teaches that God is going to laugh also.
       1. Proverbs 1:24-27
          1. A person can laugh his way into Hell, but he can’t laugh his way out of it.
    4. Apostates are not content merely to disbelieve holy things.
       1. They have an inordinate, devilish desire to ridicule holy things.
    5. Scoffers scoff and mock because they love their sin.
  1. The second argument is the intellectual reaction.
     1. 2 Peter 3:3-4
        1. The mockers were saying that if Jesus Christ were to come in power and glory and there would be new heavens and a new Earth, then that would mean that there would be a disruption in the reign of natural law.
           1. They were saying that there never has been such a thing since creation.
           2. All that science can deal with is phenomena that are readily available to us.
           3. Therefore, they saw no reason to believe that Jesus Christ is going to come.
     2. They look at creation with a scientific approach.
     3. Their argument is that nothing cataclysmic has ever happened, so there is no reason to believe that anything cataclysmic will happen.
        1. All things continue as they were.
           1. 2 Peter 3:4
           2. There never has been a cataclysm; there never will be a cataclysm.
  2. The third argument is the volitional response.
     1. 2 Peter 3:5
     2. They put out their own eyes.
        1. They don’t want to know.
        2. They don’t want to understand.
        3. If they admit the truth that Jesus Christ is coming in judgment, then that means there is going to have to be a change in their lifestyle.
     3. They think that if they shut the truth out of their minds and hearts, then it will go away.
        1. They are willingly ignorant.
           1. They don’t know because they don’t want to know.
           2. They can’t find God for the same reason a thief can’t find a policeman.
     4. John 3:19
     5. It is not that they cannot know; it is that they will not know.
        1. The problem is not in the head; the problem is in the heart.
     6. Romans 1 speaks of those who suppress, smother, and hold back the truth.
        1. Willingly ignorant.
  3. These three apostate responses make a denial of one of the great Bible truths that Jesus Christ is coming again.

1. the scriptual declaration of his coming (2 Peter 3:1-15)
   1. The Apostle Peter has three apostolic responses to affirm the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
   2. His memorable promise:
      1. 2 Peter 3:1-2
         1. The “words” mentioned in this passage were a promise.
      2. 2 Peter 3:4
      3. 2 Peter 3:9
      4. 2 Peter 3:13
      5. Jesus Christ promised that He will come again.
         1. John 14:3
      6. The Word of God tells us to be mindful that Jesus is coming again.
         1. The new birth is so important, but in the New Testament, the new birth is only mentioned nine times.
         2. Baptism is mentioned 20 times in the New Testament.
         3. Repentance is mentioned 70 times in the New Testament.
         4. In the New Testament alone (not including the Old Testament passages), 380 times in clear graphic terms, the New Testament speaks of the fact that Jesus Christ is coming again.
            1. If we add the prophets to what the apostles have said, then one verse out of every 25 in the Bible speaks of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
      7. Remember, and keep it in mind.
      8. God, who cannot lie, has promised.
   3. His mighty power:
      1. Peter said that scoffers are willingly ignorant of two things:
         1. Creation
            1. 2 Peter 3:5

The apostates were saying that nothing cataclysmic had ever happened, and Peter reminded them about creation.

* + - * 1. God spoke, and it was so.

Genesis 1

* + - * 1. God spoke worlds and universes into existence.
        2. By His Word He flung out the sun, moon, and stars.

God did this all by His Word.

Peter was reminding the people of God’s mighty power.

* + - * 1. Modern skeptics are trying to find the origin of life, but what about the origin of matter?

Out of nothing, nothing comes.

* + - * 1. God spoke, and it stood fast.

Psalm 33:9

* + - 1. Cataclysm
         1. 2 Peter 3:5-6

The word “overflowed” in this passage is the word we get our English word “cataclysm” from.

There was a cataclysm.

* + - * 1. God by His power made a creation, and God by His power brought it out of cataclysm.
        2. Peter is warning against the idea that God can’t step into history.

Don’t say that everything is just going on and on and on.

* + - * 1. If we try to explain creation without a Creator, then we are willingly ignorant.
    1. 2 Peter 3:7
       1. In this passage, the phrase “the same word” is referring to the word that spoke the heavens and Earth into existence.
       2. A Greek scholar has said that the phrase “reserved unto fire” in this verse literally means that the heavens and the Earth right now are stored with fire.
          1. He uses the word that we get the word “treasury” from.

This world is a treasury of fire; the entire universe is stored with fire.

The subatomic nature of the universe tells us that everything is not really matter as we know it, but it is really fire.

* + 1. Colossians 1:17
       1. By Jesus, all things hold together.
          1. Whether it be the planets in orbit or the electrons whirling around the nucleus of an atom, Jesus Christ is the glue of the galaxies.
    2. Hebrews 1:3
    3. Psalm 33:9
    4. Hebrews 11:3
       1. The things that are seen are made out of things which do not appear.
    5. When Jesus releases His grip, we will see a cataclysm like the universe has never known.
  1. His merciful patience:
     1. 2 Peter 3:8-15
        1. In verse 10, “fervent heat” literally means “internal heat” or “fever heat.”
        2. The longsuffering of our God is salvation.
     2. God doesn’t want anyone to die and go to Hell.
     3. If Jesus Christ had come yesterday and you were not saved, then your destiny for Hell would be irrevocably settled.
        1. The Lord has kept the door of mercy open for you.
           1. God is a God of mercy.
     4. 2 Peter 3:9
        1. God is waiting for you to be saved.
     5. Some may say that if God is so full of mercy, then they don’t have to worry.
        1. But 2 Peter 3:10 tells us that the day of the Lord will come.
           1. There is the wrath of God, and there is the mercy of God; both of these are attributes of God.

If we see God as all wrath and no mercy, then that is only part of the truth.

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When we make part of the truth all of the truth, then that part of the truth becomes an untruth.

* + - * 1. One of these days, mercy must give way to wrath for “the day of the Lord will come.”

You don’t know when it is coming.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. 2 Peter 3:10
      1. The day of the Lord will come suddenly, cataclysmically.
   2. 2 Peter 3:9
   3. What you must do in order not to perish is to come to repentance.
      1. Repentance is a change of mind.
         1. Instead of trusting self and living in sin, turn from sin to Jesus.
            1. Take faith from self, and place it in Him.
      2. Luke 13:3
   4. Jesus is coming.
      1. He is coming to take vengeance on those who know not God and who obey not the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
      2. He is coming to receive His own.
   5. We know this by His memorable promise, His mighty power, and it is only because of His merciful patience that He hasn’t come yet.
   6. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   7. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16