

We Look for New Heavens and a New Earth

(2 Peter 3:10-14)

Introduction:

1. This morning we studied passages that teach us about "*the day of the Lord*" mentioned in vs.10.
2. This evening we are concentrating on a statement made in vs.13 -- we "*look for new heavens and a new earth.*"
3. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

I. GOD HAS PROMISED NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH

- A. Peter began this letter by mentioning the fact that God has given to us "*exceeding great and precious promises*" (2 Peter 1:4).
- B. According to 2 Peter 3:13, our anticipation of new heavens and a new earth is based on God's promise.
- C. This particular promise is also mentioned in:
 1. Isaiah 65:17; 66:22
 2. Revelation 21:1.

II. WHY NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH ARE NECESSARY

- A. We learn from Genesis 1 that God created the heavens and the earth (vs.1) to provide a dwelling place for man (vs.26-31).
- B. After the flood, God indicated that the earth will not last forever (Genesis 8:22).
- C. The heavens and the earth will be destroyed when Jesus returns (2 Peter 3:10).
- D. When John saw "*a new heaven and a new earth,*" "*the first heaven and the first earth were passed away*" (Revelation 21:1).

III. GOD WILL DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE FOREVER IN THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH

- A. Jesus has gone there to prepare a dwelling place for His people (John 14:1-3).
- B. (2 Corinthians 5:1) This place is described as "*a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*"
- C. We learn from 2 Peter 3:13 that "*righteousness*" dwells in this place.
- D. John described this beautiful place (Revelation 21:2-4, 10, 22-27; 22:1-5).

Conclusion:

1. God's promise of new heavens and a new earth should affect the way we live.
2. This is the point made in 2 Peter 3:11-14.