

God's Patience

II Peter 3:8-9

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Summary: "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." The Lord is coming back. He's coming to judge and to save. "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

1. A. In what ways is man confused about God?
 - B. Is the God of the Bible a God of judgment? Does He save those who believe He could never save the likes of them?
II Peter 3:7-9
 - C. Are you stirred up to remember God's word? Do you really believe this text?
II Peter 3:1-9

2. A. As His beloved, how are we exhorted in II Peter 3:7-9?
 - B. Who is man and what is his need?
Psalm 39:4-5, Psalm 90, Romans 3:10-18

3. A. What truth about God and His promises do you see in II Peter 3:9? (There are two negations and two assertions)
 - B. In the Bible, what is THE promise?
Luke 1:67-79, 2:21-38

4. A. Why is God patient?
Matthew 11:28-30, John 3:16, II Peter 3:9, Revelation 22:17
 - B. What is God's want?
I Timothy 2:3-5, II Peter 3:9
 - C. What is repentance? (Look it up in the oldest dictionary you can find.)

5. A. How important is repentance?
Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17, Luke 24:46-47
 - B. Did the early church do what Jesus had commissioned them to do?
Acts 2:36-38, 3:11-19, 17:30-31
 - C. What should we remember and how shall we respond?
John 9:3-5, Galatians 6:10, Hebrews 10:23-25, II Peter 3:7-9