

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH
II PETER 3:13

Introduction:

- A. This world and its heavens are doomed.
 - 1. "heavens, being on fire shall be dissolved."
 - a. dissolved = to loose what is fast bound.
 - 2. "the elements melt with fervent heat."
- B. What about God's people?
 - 1. I don't care for this earth or it's order of things.
 - 2. Cheating, lying, killing, stabbings, rape, murder.

I. "NEVERTHELESS, WE"

- A. These are people who have spiritual life.
 - 1. Does not mean everyone.
 - 2. The worldling won't be there.
- B. Not everyone would like heaven!
 - 1. If you don't like church you wouldn't.
 - 2. If you don't love Bible study, you won't.

II. "ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE"

- A. There are many promises.
 - 1. Isa. 65:17 "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind."
 - 2. Isa. 66:22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I shall make, shall remain before me, so shall your seed and your name remain."
 - 3. Rev. 21:1 "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away."

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- B. Jesus also made a promise.
 - 1. John 14:1-
 - 2. The Lord's Model prayer for us.

III. "WHEREIN DWELLETH RIGHTEDUSNESS"

- A. This is a righteous place for righteous people.
 - 1. Matt. 5:6.
 - 2. Righteous, not self-righteous.
 - 3. Rom. 14:16-18.

- B. Paul was emphatic.
 - 1. I Cor. 6:9-11.
 - 2. Examine the list!

- C. We have His righteousness.
 - 1. Philippians. 3:7-9.
 - 2. It is not an earned righteousness, but a bestowed righteousness.

IV. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE UNRIGHTEDOUS?

- A. Rev. 21:7-8.