

AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT
II PETER 3:10

Introduction:

- A. God is not slow, He will perform His will as He wills.
 - 1. Men cannot force God to hurry or to delay.

- B. Because the day of the Lord has not come, men are scoffing.
 - 1. They did this early in the life of the church.
 - 2. They do it now.

I. THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME.

- A. Notice the positive statements.
 - 1. "the day of the Lord will come.."
 - 2. "the heavens shall pass away."
 - 3. "the elements shall melt."
 - 4. "the earth also and the work's that are therein shall be burned up."

- B. Why does the Lord not come?
 - 1. He knows what He wants to do.
 - 2. He is anxious to save all who will come.

II. HOW WILL THE DAY OF THE LORD COME?

- A. Peter writes.
 - 1. "as a thief in the night." v10

- B. Paul wrote.
 - 1. I Thess. 5:1-2.

- C. Jesus said. Matt 24:3-
 - 1. Matt. 24:27 - "As lightning"
 - 2. Matt. 24:33 - "see all these things." v 32,33.
 - 3. "heaven and earth shall pass away."
 - 4. No man knows the hour. v36.

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D. Illustrations.

1. Days of Noah. v38-41.
2. A thief. v43-44.
3. The Parable of the 10 Virgins.
 - a. Matt. 25:1-13.

E. The end time will be in God's time, He is on time.

1. The principle truth of all these scriptures is:
BE YE READY!!!