GOD IS NOT SLOW
II PETER 3:6-9

Introduction:
  A. Peter emphasize that the ancient world perished. v6
    1. This means the world-system perished.
    2. God did not use unfamiliar substances.
    3. He used water, a substance used in the creative process.

  B. Peter teaches that our world will also perish. v7
    1. But the heavens and earth, which are now.
    2. The same universe is kept in store by the same God.
    3. This time God will use fire.
    4. This world-system is reserved to be judged, and destroyed.

I. GOD WARNS US [V8]. DO NOT BE IGNORANT!

  A. Why does He warn us against putting things in our time frame?
    1. Because scoffers have done so. v3,4
    2. God is not a creature of time.

  B. God is without age.
    1. "one day is with the Lord as a 1,000 years"
    2. "1,000 years is as one day."
    3. There is abundant time for God to accomplish His will. He has the infinite duration of His own self.
    4. Man must accomplish in one life time what he plans, Not so with God.

II. GOD IS NOT SLOW. V9

  A. When men fail or delay in keeping a promise we draw certain inferences from the delay.
    1. It may be they have changed plans.

        2.   They may have forgotten their promises.

        3.   They may not have the ability to keep them.

        4.   They may feel no obligation to keep them.

B.   Men must never believe this about God.

        1.   God is not slack.

        2.   Slack = to be slow, to delay.

        3.   None of the above can be true of God.

        4.   This "slowness" is man's perception.

C.   God's idea of on-time is different from mans.

        1.   Daniel, lions died the night before.

        2.   Moses, Red Sea, dried up a month before.

        3.   Hebrew children, couldn't light the fire.

        4.   David, Goliath to have died the night before.

D.   Why does it appear that God is slow?

        1.   He is not slow but long-suffering.

              long-suffering = to be long before being angry,

              to endure or wait patiently.

        2.   This is caused by His love, not willing that any

            should perish.

E.   God's plan is His plan.

        1.   He will not change it.

        2.   He is not behind time.