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Main Bible Text: 2 Peter 3:1-7

I. Why do mockers ignore the Coming Judgment?

- 1. When mockers attack, God's Word is our defense (2 Peter 3:1-2)
 - 1. The godly must remember the <u>foundation</u> of God's Word
 - 2. The godly must remember the word of God of the Old Testament prophets
 - 3. The godly must remember the commandments of the Lord
- 2. When mockers attack, God's past actions are our defense (2 Peter 3:3-6)
 - 1. Mockers will come in the last days (2 Peter 3:3-4)
 - 2. Mockers are driven by <u>lust</u> (2 Peter 3:3)
 - 3. Mockers attack God (2 Peter 3:4)
 - 4. Mockers abuse history (2 Peter 3:4)
 - 5. Mockers assign no credit (2 Peter 3:5-6)

They willfully ignore God's <u>authority</u> (2 Peter 3:5)

They willfully ignore God's history of judgment (2 Peter 3:6)

They willfully ignore future judgment (2 Peter 3:7)

II. Why doesn't Christ return?

- 1. Christ's return is in God's time (2 Peter 3:8)
- 2. Christ's return is about God's heart (2 Peter 3:9)
 - 1. What the Lord promises, He performs in His time
 - 2. What the Lord promises, He patiently waits

III. How should we live in the light of this?

Read <u>2 Peter 3:10-13</u>

- 1. Don't allow the delay to diminish the consequences (2 Peter 3:10)
 - 1. Christ's return is absolutely <u>certain</u>
 - 2. Christ's return will be devastating
 - 3. Christ's return will leave no escape
 - 4. Christ's return will destroy our greatness
- 2. Don't allow the delay to diminish your <u>zeal</u> (<u>2 Peter 3:11-12</u>)
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- 2. Christ's return should make us <u>observant</u> people (<u>2 Peter 3:12</u>)
- 3. Christ's return should make us <u>dissatisfied</u> people (<u>2 Peter 3:13</u>)

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