II PETER 3; December 21; The Fiery Day of the Lord/God

ANALYSIS:

1. Whose words and commandments did Peter want to remind the beloved saints to be mindful of?
2. What event are certain scorners willfully ignorant of when they ask, "Where is the promise of his coming?"
3. Is there any difference between the "day of the Lord" and the "day of God" in this chapter?
4. When the Lord Jesus comes, how did Peter want the saints to be found?
5. Whose enistles did Peter consider scripture?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Verse 9 is a wonderful verse of Scripture that the Lord has given us "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Unfortunately this verse is often misused by Arminians who want to teach that God does not want any lost sinners to perish and go to hell. If this verse is ever misused in such a way in your presence, just remember one important question to ask: To whom was this verse written by Peter? Who is the "usward" in this verse? The answer is found in the first part of the epistle. Peter was writing to the "beloved" (3:8) "brethren" (1:10) who had obtained like precious faith through the righteousness of God and the Lord Jesus Christ (1:1). It is those who were redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ that God desires should come unto repentance.

Verse 11 is a great challenge to any Christian living in this present world with all its glitter and attraction. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." If everything around us will one day be burned up, where should our focus and emphasis in this life be, but on heaven, spiritual things, and the personal coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

HELP:

- 1 The words of the holy prophets and the commandments of the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ (v 2).
- 2. The flood of Noah's day (v 6).
- 3. No, they are referring to the same event, the second coming of Christ. Compare verses 10 and 12.
- 4. "in all holy conversation and godliness" (v 11), "in peace, without spot, and blameless" (v 14).
- 5. Our beloved brother Paul's (vv 15-16).