

Feeding Your Soul

P a r a g r a p h S t u d y

2 Peter
3:11-13
GQ

Observation What Do I See?

1 Mark up the paragraph below with colors and symbols about what you notice.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens

will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Ideas for mark-up

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Repeated Words/ Ideas/Subjects
- Commands (e.g., put aside, pray without ceasing, etc.)
- Lists (e.g., characteristics, sins, promises, etc.)
- Connecting words (e.g., for, yet, therefore, nor/or, but, so, and)
- Actions/Verbs
- Comparisons (e.g., like or as)
- Contrasts (e.g., light or dark)
- Warnings or Promises

2 Write what you learned about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit.

3 What did you learn about what you marked up? Write any questions you have about this text.

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

4 Compare translations highlighting any major differences in word choices.

NASB	ESV	NIV
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Interpretation What Does It Mean?

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1. For review, summarize the contents of 3:1-10.
2. How is your life to be different because of the coming Day of the Lord according to verses 11-12?
3. How is that in direct contrast to the scoffing unbelievers of verses 3-7?

4. D. A. Carson in *The New Bible Commentary* observes that “Jesus (Luke 12:35- 40), Paul (Rom. 13:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:3-11), and Peter (1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7-11) all use the last judgment as an incentive to godly living.” Look up the verses D. A. Carson has listed and note the effect the coming day of the Lord is to have upon your life.

Robert Jamieson and A.R. Faussett in their critical commentary succinctly explain how we can hasten the day of God. “The Greek may mean “hastening (that is, urging onward [Alford]) the day of God” not that God’s eternal appointment of the time is changeable, but God appoints us as instruments of accomplishing those events which must be first before the day of God can come.

By praying for His coming, furthering the preaching of the Gospel for A witness to all nations, and bringing in those whom “the long-suffering of God” waits to save, we hasten the coming of the day of God. Our part is to speed forward this consummation by praying, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Rev 22:20).”

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5. Verse 13 reveals the reason we look for and hasten the coming of the Day of the Lord, what is it?

6. What do you learn about the new heavens and new earth? See verse 13; Is. 60:19-22; Rev. 21:1-7.

7. Review verses 11-13 and complete the following statements:

a. The earth is:

b. I am to be:

c. God will:

d. These truths encourage me to:

Application What Does It Mean for Me?

12 Based on the principles you discovered in this passage, in what ways can you express love to God and to your neighbor? What truths must you personalize?

E x a m p l e s Are there any positive examples to follow or negative ones to avoid?

P r o m i s e s Are there any promises on which to meditate?

I d e n t i t y Are there any verses that remind me of who I am in Christ?

C o m m a n d s Are there any commands to follow?

S i n s t o A v o i d Are there any sins to avoid?

<i>Examples</i>	
<i>Promises</i>	
<i>Identity</i>	
<i>Commands</i>	
<i>Sins to Avoid</i>	

Implementation

What Steps Do I
Need to Take?

- 13 Write at least one step you will take in order to apply what you have learned.

Consultation

What Truths Did Others Find in
This Passage?

- 14 Write down anything you learned from a commentary you read or sermon you enjoyed.