

God is not slow

2 Peter 3:1-10

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 19th January 2025

2 Peter 1v16

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1v19

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

1. God's Word (v3-7)

2 Peter 3v5-7

⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

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- At the flood

2 Peter 3v6

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“Every few years, or maybe every few months (depending on where you go on the internet), a new story, speculation, or conspiracy will go viral, claiming that the end of the world is near. Yet, we don’t live in a world where myth and mysticism dominate our thinking; we know that we can comprehend all that’s to come using the predictive power of science.”

Ethan Siegel *“The four ways the earth will actually end”*

2. God's timing (v8)

2 Peter 3v8

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a
thousand years are like a day.

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- God is outside time
- God works inside time

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

C. S. LEWIS



The Chronicles of Narnia
FULL-COLOUR COLLECTOR'S EDITION

3. God's character (v9-10)

2 Peter 3v9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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- God's patience

Joel 2v13

Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.

1 Timothy 2v4

God... who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

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- God's patience
- Our repentance – necessary because of the coming “day of the Lord” (v10)