

Embrace
Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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2 Peter 3:1-18

This day is a gift.

A gift from God.

The Christ who came as a baby on that first Christmas will come again as Judge.

But the critics were saying, "Where is he? You said he was coming, but the world just goes on the way it always has. Maybe he's not coming at all!"

The author of 2 Peter joins Paul in declaring that Jesus the Judge has not returned because God wants to give people like you and me more time to repent. "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (3:9b). When the "Day of the Lord" comes, it will be too late.

The world is ripe for judgment, but a loving God declares a sort of overtime period. More time to repent. That is the gift of today. A new day in which we can confess, turn to God, grow, learn, serve, or make things right.

In light of God's delay in judgment, the Scripture lesson coaches us to live holy, godly, blamelessly at peace with God.

That tells us how to behave today.

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