Where Is The Promise Of His Coming?

"With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8).

Peter's Three Arguments

• Remember the lesson of Noah (5-7).

Remember the nature of God (8).

Remember the love and patience of God (9).

The Certainty of the Lord's Return

• The "day of the Lord" is set (Matthew 24:36).

That day will come like a thief (10a).

• The heavens will pass away with a roar (10b).

• The earth and its works will be burned up (10c).

How Then Are We To Live?

• Live in holy behavior and godliness (11).

• Live in active anticipation of the Lord's return (12).

• Live in belief of His promises (13).

Live in peace, spotless and blameless (14).

What Then?

When the great business plants of our city Shall have turned out their last finished work, When the merchants have sold their last order And dismissed every one of their clerks, When our banks have raked in their last dollar And have paid out their last dividend, When the Judge of the earth wants a hearing And asks for a balance – what then?

When the congregation has sung its last hymn And the preacher has voiced his last prayer, When the people have heard their last sermon And the sound has died out of the air, When the Bible lies closed on the pulpit And the pews are all empty of men, When each one stands facing his record, And the great book is opened – what then?

When the actors have played their last drama And the minute has made its last span, When the movie has flashed its last picture And the billboard displayed its last ad, When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished And have gone into darkness again, When the world that rejected its Savior Is asked for a reason – What Then?