

# God's Guarantees

Text: II Peter 3:8-9

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God has a plan. God has guaranteed that His plan will be completed. Despite the opposition and mockery of God, God's promises will all be fulfilled.

## I. **Sovereign Plan - The future is certain and in control under God's timetable (II Pet. 3:8)**

God views time against the backdrop of eternity. While 1000 years seems like a long time to us, God views it as just another day. Peter is showing that God is following His own timetable and not ours. Nothing we do will speed up or slow God down, and most certainly those who mock God's plan for the future will not change His unalterable work.

**Quote:** "We look at our calendars and accuse God of being too slow. God looks at His calendar and see that He is right on time" (Phillips 301).

Our job then is to not forget that God works off His own schedule. See Psalm 90:1-4. While the return of Christ and God's judgment seem far away, from God's timing they are actually very imminent.

## II. **Significant Promises – The Lord keeps His word (II Pet. 3:9a)**

God is not forgetful.

We must remind ourselves that God is a promise-keeping God, and He has a plan and is executing it according to His omniscient wisdom.

## III. **Sustained Patience – The Lord is waiting for all people to come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9b)**

God is not late. God is patient. Have you ever pondered why God waits? Why is God long-suffering? Why is the God of the universe so patient with wicked, hate-filled, evil people? He could wipe us out with one word. Yet, He waits. Why? Because He is long-suffering and not desiring any should perish in their sins.

God is not delaying to spite us.

"The only hope of salvation of any soul rests in the patience, long-suffering, and self-control of God. He was patient with all of us" (Phillips 302). God's power is more shown in his patience with sinners than with His judgment upon sin.

## Conclusion

- 1) The evidence is in: God keeps His word!
- 2) God is sovereignly in control of the past, present, and future.
- 3) Since God intervened in past history, He is fully capable of demonstrating His power in the future.
- 4) God is patiently waiting for even the scoffers to come to repentance.