

Sermon Outline

Fortifying Against Trying Times (4) – Anchoring in God's Promises *2 Peter 3:1-13*

I. Introduction

II. Remembering God's Word vs 1-2

1. Why the need?
 - A. We are a forgetful people
 - B. We are living in real and present spiritual danger
2. How to remember God's word
 - A. Bible reading and memorisation
 - B. Reading Christian literature and listening to sermons
 - C. Make use of our creeds, catechisms and confessions as aids to acquire Scriptural knowledge

III. Scoffing of God's Word vs 3-7

Characteristics of the Scoffers (or Mockers)

- A. Following their own sinful desires
- B. Mock at the coming judgement of God
- C. Deliberately overlook the fact of the coming judgement of God

IV. Anchoring in God's Word (Promises) vs 8-13

1. Christians are not to overlook the fact that God is eternal and the Lord of time
2. Christians are to rest in the promises and patience of our Blessed Lord in the gathering of His people
3. Christians are to be vigilant and watchful because Christ will come again as a thief at night – unannounced and least expected
4. Christians are to live in the light of God's promises.