

Title: The Scoffer's Surprise

The Goal of Peter's Parting Words: To stir up and awaken believers to the hope of Christ's return (vv. 1-2)

Cite: 2 Peter 1:12-13

2 Things to Remember:

1. Scoffers will scoff (vv. 3-7)

Cite: Jeremiah 14:13-15

Cite: Romans 1:18-19

Question: Is there any part of you that reflects the heart of a scoffer?

2. We must be awake to the Truth (vv. 8-10)

- Awake to God's nature: Supreme
- Awake to the Lord's Patience: It is His Kindness

Cite: Romans 2:4

- **Jonathan Edwards quotes:**

- "The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow, and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise or obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood. Thus all you that never passed under a great change of heart, by the mighty power of the Spirit of God upon your souls; all you that were never born again, and made new creatures, and raised from being dead in sin, to a state of new, and before altogether unexperienced light and life, are in the hands of an angry God. However you may have reformed your life in many things, and may have had religious affections, and may keep up a form of religion in your families and closets, and in the house of God, it is nothing but his mere pleasure that keeps you from being this moment swallowed up in everlasting destruction."

"You have offended him infinitely more than ever a stubborn rebel did his prince; and yet it is nothing but his hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment. It is to be ascribed to nothing else, that you did not go to hell the last night; that you were suffered to awake again in this world, after you closed your eyes to sleep. And there is no other reason to be given, why you have not dropped into hell since you arose in the morning, but that God's hand has held you up."

- Awake to coming judgment

Question: Whose work will you trust on the Last Day?

Cite: Colossians 3:1-4

Applications:

1. Respond to Scoffing with Unapologetic Belief
2. Imitate your patient God

Cite: Colossians 3:21; Galatians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:1-2, 7; Colossians 3:13