Where Is the Promise of His Coming?
2 Pet. 3:1-4

Introduction:
A. Question asked by scoffers. (v. 3,4).
   1. In the “last days” (cf. Acts 2:16,17; Heb. 1:2)
   2. “Walking according to own lusts” - scoff of coming judgment of Christ.
   3. Assume he will not come, since has not come.
   4. Wilfully forget the evidence. (v. 5)
B. Peter warns against forgetting certain truths relating to the Lord’s Second Coming:

Discussion:
I. We must Not Forget the Power of God’s Word (vs. 4-7)
   A. By which heavens and earth were created. (v. 5; cf. Gen. 1:6,9; Ps. 33:9).
   B. By which the flood came upon the earth. (v. 6; cf. Gen. 6).
   C. By which heavens and earth are now preserved. (v.7).
   D. So, when God gives the word, the Lord will come and heavens and will be no longer preserved.
II. We must Not Forget the Reasons of God’s Seeming Delay. (vs. 8-9).
   A. Time means nothing to Him. (v. 8; Ps. 90:4).
III. We must Not Forget the Certainty of God’s Promise. (Vs. 9, 10).
   A. It was promised with certainty. (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11).
   B. It was believed with certainty. (2 Thess. 1:6-10; 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 9:27).
IV. We must Not Forget the Our Responsibilities as We Wait. (Vs. 11-18).
   A. To be prepared at all times - “thief in the night.” (cf. Matt. 24:36; 25:13)
   B. To be holy and godly people. (vs.11; Tit. 2:11, 12).
   C. To look for new heavens and new earth. (vs. 12-13).
   D. To be diligent to be found in peace and purity. (v. 14; cf. Jas. 1:27; 3:17).
   E. To beware lest we fall away from steadfastness into error. (v. 17).
   F. To grow spiritually. (v. 18).

Conclusion:
“There’s a great day coming...” (Sacred Selections #)