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- Wholesome Thinking Is Healthy Thinking
- Healthy Thinking Is Based On God’s Word
- Scoffers Are Enemies Of Healthy Thinking
- Scoffers Don’t Believe In The 2nd Coming
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God’s Immediate Response To Scoffers:

• (2 Pet 3:8 NIV) But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.(9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

• God’s Immediate Response To Scoffers Is MERCY
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• God Is Not On Our Timetable --
  “With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,
  and a thousand years are like a day.”

• He Is Not Working On Our Time Table
  Because Of His Great Mercy

• His Purpose Regarding Man Is Redemption
  Not Condemnation
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• God's Patience And Mercy Does Not Negate The Fact That He Is Coming Soon

• The Time To Get Right With God And Accept His Mercy Is Now
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• God’s Immediate Directives To Believers:
  • (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. (11) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives (12) as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. (13) But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
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God’s Immediate Directive To Believers

• #1 -- Be Ready

• #2 – Be Holy

• #3 – Help Speed His Coming: Pray & Proclaim

• #4 -- Be Looking Forward With Hope