Today and That Day

Luke 4:14-21
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“and He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’”
Hebrews: “today”

✧ God said to Jesus, “You are My Son; today I have become Your Father” (Hebrews 1:5; quote from Psalm 2:7).
“7 ... Today, if you hear His voice, 8 do not harden your hearts...” (3:7-8)
“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness” (3:13).

“God again set a certain day, calling it Today…” (4:7).
God’s View of Eternity

- Two main groups
- “Today” and “that day”
“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” (2 Peter 3:8).
Our Lord: “that day”

“22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name drive out many demons and perform many miracles?’
“23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!’”

(Matthew 7:22-23)
“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Matthew 24:36).
“I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father’s kingdom”

(Matthew 26:29).
“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with...the anxieties of life, and **that day** will close on you unexpectedly like a trap” (Luke 21:34).
Apostle Paul: “that day”

“That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced...
“that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day” (2 Timothy 1:12).
“Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8).
Apostle Peter: “that day”

“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”

(2 Peter 3:11-13).
Martin Luther

Protestant Reformation

“There are only two days on my calendar: Today and that Day”
Important Question

◊ What are you doing today to get ready for that day?
◊ Are you living today with that day in view?
“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” (2 Peter 3:9)
A Sure Thing

“But the day of the Lord will come…” (2 Peter 3:10).
Divine Assignment

✧ “...go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).
✧ “...you will be My witnesses” (Acts 1:8).
“...now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2)

“...the great day of [God's] wrath [will] come, and who [will be able to] stand” (Revelation 6:17).