

STUDY OF II PETER CHAPTER 3
“WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE” ---PART ONE OF TWO

I. INTRODUCTION.

1. II Peter, chapter three discusses the Lord's Second Coming. (3:9-11)
2. In view of the second coming of Christ, “WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?”
3. Peter discusses several of these characteristics in chapter three.
 - To know these will allow us to “examine ourselves”.
 - To apply these will help us to be ready when Jesus comes again.
4. Purpose of this lesson—to set forth five of these characteristics.
5. READ: II Peter 3:1-11.
6. KEY VERSE: 3:11—“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of person ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?”

II. “WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?”

1. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD POSSESS PURE MINDS. (3:1)
 - Philippians 2:5.
 - Philippians 4:7.
 - Philippians 4:8.
 - Colossians 3:2ff.
2. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE A MINDFUL PEOPLE. (3:2)
 - Psalm 1.
 - II Peter 3:2; II Peter 1:20,21 and Isaiah chapters 9 and 53.
 - John 16:13 and II Corinth. 5:17-20.
3. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE AN INFORMED PEOPLE. (3:8)
 - Must not emphasize emotion to the exclusion of knowledge.
 - See 3:5.
 - Matthew 13:15.
 - Must know the “truth”. (John 8:32)
 - Know the reality of sin. (Romans 3:23)
 - Know what to do to be saved. (I Timothy 2:4)
 - Know scriptures which totally “equip” the Christian. (II Timothy 3:16-17)
 - Know the dangers of false teachers. (II Peter 2:1-2 and 3:3-7)
4. GOD'S PEOPLE MUST BE HOLY. (3:11)
 - I Peter 1:15.
 - I Peter 2:9.
 - Romans 12:1-2 and James 1:27.
5. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE GODLY. (3:11)
 - II Peter 1:5-6.
 - II Peter 1:4; II Peter 2:5 and II Peter 2:6.
 - Godliness must be based on knowledge. (II Peter 1:3)
 - Godliness is a reverence for God that prompts obedience. (Hebrews 12:28).
 - Godliness leads me to emphasize the “spiritual” rather than “material”. (I Timothy 6:6-10)

III. CONCLUSION.