

Mocking God

It is not smart to doubt God (Matthew 14:31) but it's downright dumb to mock Him (Romans 1:22). This fact does not keep many, who believe themselves to be quite the pundits (Jeremiah 10:23), from showcasing their ignorance of or rebellion against God in such vain musings (1 Corinthians 3:18). One excellent example is found in the taunting of the audience to whom Peter refers concerning "*the day of the Lord*" (2 Peter 3:1-13).

In this context, at least one reason for the logic and history behind Peter's argument is that scoffers, who deride Christians for believing in the day of the Lord, can't reasonably argue against it. Entropy, itself, demands that all physical existence digressively decay, culminating in an inevitable and ultimate inert conclusion (Job 13:28; Isaiah 51:6). However, this will not be the case for universal, material cessation (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The day of the Lord will come at the direction of God (1 Corinthians 4:13-18), not by the winding down of some celestial clock. That being understood, observe the ridiculousness of mocking God.

The argument goes: "*all things continue as they were*" (2 Peter 3:4); therefore, the Christian claim to an abrupt, impending end of all things (v.10) must be lacking in verity. There are several flaws with this argument, some of which come into view within this context.

(1) "*They willfully forget,*" which is a perennial problem for humanity that mandates frequent reminders. It is noteworthy that Peter quotes a bit of history here (Noah, Genesis 6ff), not as a myth but as a relevant reality with a lesson. Therefore, we should read the Bible's historical accounts as actual history; apply it accordingly (2 Peter 3:4-6). Also, we must understand these accounts from God's perspective; you sin, you die (cf. 2 Peter 3:3, 7).

(2) The flaw in mocking God's commitment to initiate "*the day of the Lord*" is not just questioning His power (Matthew 22:18), it is an arrogant quibble with His timing. Just because He hadn't come in the moment of these naysayers' expectation did not mean that Jesus would not come at a time when they least expected it (2 Peter 3:10). Who is the puny human to dictate to God: "I am ready now, make it so" (Romans 9:20).

The day of the Lord is inevitable, and mocking God invites a disaster of epic, eternal proportion.