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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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End Of The Groaning

"Everyone, deep in their hearts, is waiting for the end of the world to come." – Haruki Murakami

"The end of the world is on people's minds. We have the power to destroy or save ourselves, but the question is what do you do with that responsibility?" – Nicolas Cage

"The thing about the end of the world is that not just the West collapses, the whole world does." – Douglas Copland

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10).

Peter foretold of a future event which he referred to as "the day of the Lord," an expression which refers to an impending judgment of God. The context bears out that this is not like any other judgment of God in the history of the world. True, there was a horrific judgment of old in which God flooded the world "in which few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water" (1 Pet. 3:20). But this future event of which Peter writes is even more frightening than the former.

While we know that water can indeed be a destructive force, this impending Day of Judgment will have "fervent heat," so much so that the elements of this world will melt. Peter caps this by speaking of the earth and all that it contains as being "burned up."

There is an Old Testament account in which King Nebuchadnezzar got so furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego for not worshipping his golden image, that he commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter (Dan. 3:19). The flames killed the men who cast these men into the furnace. Can you imagine the level of heat it would take then to burn the earth until it is no more?

What is sad is the number of folks who know that there will be a day in which the world will be destroyed, and yet choose to pretend that it won't happen.

"There's a great day coming, a great day coming; there's a great day coming by and by, when the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left, are you ready for that day to come?" ("There's A Great Day Coming," by W.L. Thompson)

We would do well to heed Peter's words: "Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?" (2 Pet. 3:11).