

## MESSAGE OUTLINE—ADVENT 2

### TRUE KING: PEACE FROM HIS PATIENCE

#### 2 Peter 3:8–15a (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.<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> 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 done in it will be laid bare.

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.<sup>15</sup> Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation.

#### The True King's "Patience means salvation"

*A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Psalm 90:4 (NIV)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_.  
*...but everyone to come to repentance...*

Jesus, King of the highest heaven  
Ready to take His first steps,  
That He might bring us life.  
Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows,  
He showed the way to follow,  
A way that is true and right.  
Jesus, take away every darkness,  
Steady my simple footsteps  
That I might in your goodness  
Live as a child of God.

—Keith and Kristyn Getty, *Jesus, Joy of Highest Heaven*

2. \_\_\_\_\_.  
*You ought to live holy and godly lives... to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.*

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)**

One of the dangers of living in a constant state of distraction is that we never go to the bottom of our pain, our sadness, our emptiness, which means we never find that rock-bottom place of the peace that passes understanding and rest ourselves there. —**Ruth Haley Barton**

3. \_\_\_\_\_.  
*...we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells.*

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." **Isaiah 40:4-5 (NIV)**

"Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,  
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,  
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,  
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again."  
—**C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***

**Notes:**