

To Save the Lost
Matthew 18:10-14

Review:

1. God doesn't want anyone to perish
2. God rejoices over every wandering soul that is found
3. God takes the initiative in our salvation, sending His Son to save the lost

Reflect:

1. How do you react to the fact that God takes the initiative to seek lost sinners? How does that truth increase your assurance?

Go further: Read II Peter 3

1. In verse 1, why does Peter say he is writing this second letter?
2. To whose words does Peter want his readers to pay attention?
3. In verse 3, who does Peter say will come in the last days? How will these people behave?
4. In verse 4, what do these scoffers say? What truth are they thus denying?
5. According to verse 5, what did the Word of God produce?
6. According to verse 6, what happened to the world after God created it?
7. What does verse 7 say will happen to the world on the day of judgment?
8. According to verse 8, how does one day appear to God? How does He see a thousand years?
9. According to verse 9, does the delay in the coming of Judgment Day mean God is unfaithful? Why is He waiting? What does God desire?
10. According to verse 10, when will the Day of the Lord come?
11. What will happen to the heavens and the earth on that day?
12. According to verse 11, how should the coming day of judgment change the way we behave?
13. Instead of focusing on this present world, what does verse 13 say we should be looking for?
14. According to verse 14, how should we behave if we are focused on the world to come instead of this present age?
15. What does verse 15 say is the result of the longsuffering, or patience of the Lord?
16. In verse 15, who else does Peter say has written to his readers? How does Peter say he was able to write those letters?
17. In what two ways does Peter describe Paul's letters? What does Peter say some people do with Paul's letters?
18. What is the warning Peter gives his readers in verse 17?
19. What does Peter want his readers to do in verse 18?

Summary and Application:

1. According to II Peter 3, in what ways has God taken the initiative to save sinners?
2. Do you think Peter's description of scoffers in the last days is an accurate description of modern people? Why or why not?
3. How do you react to God's promise of a day of judgment? What changes do you need to make in order to prepare for that day?
4. Why do you think we experience time in a different way than God does? How does understanding this difference help to increase your patience?