

**2 PETER 1:3-11 (NLT)**  
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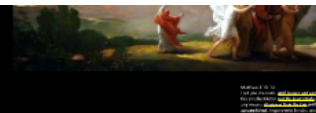
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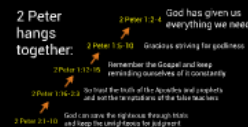


Matt 12:28-30  
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# 2. God's judgment should motivate the pursuit of persevering godliness.

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2 Responses  
But God's justice...

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Genesis Chapters 5-9



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2. Keep the unrighteous for punishment

**Why bring this up?**  
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to flourish would make every effort to grow in godliness and be all the more eager to make our calling and election sure

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Christ's Judgment: Imminent vs. Soon

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Matthew 24:42-51  
Beware, for you do not know the day or the hour of the Son of Man's coming. It will come like a thief in the night. If a man sleeps, he will be caught with his pants down. It will be the same for you. If you do not watch, you will also be caught like that. I tell you, if the Son of Man comes in the middle of the night, you will find yourselves with your pants down and nothing to wear.



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