

Proceeding Toward Heaven

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Series: The Hope of Heaven

Text: [2 Peter 3:10–18](#)

Introduction

- Heavenly thinking shapes earthly living ([1 Peter 1:13](#)).

H-E-A-V-E-N

H — Heeding to Our Purity

- Holiness is being set apart ([2 Peter 3:11](#)).
- Godliness requires discipline ([1 Timothy 4:7–8](#)).
- Purity motivated by Christ's return ([1 Corinthians 1:8](#); [Colossians 3:4–5](#)).

E — Earnest About Our Purpose

- Believers are called to diligence ([2 Peter 3:14](#)).
- Pressing forward in the Christian life ([Philippians 3:13–14](#)).

"In reading about the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves. Self-discipline, with all of them, came first." – Harry Truman

A — Attentive to His Promises

- Scoffers question Christ's return ([2 Peter 3:3–4](#)).
- God's timing differs from ours ([2 Peter 3:8](#)).
- Believers are to:
 - Wait for Christ ([Philippians 3:20](#)).
 - Watch for His coming ([Titus 2:13](#)).
 - Love His appearing ([2 Timothy 4:8](#))
- *"I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country which I shall not find until after my death. I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside. I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and help as many as I can do the very same." – C.S. LEWIS*

V — Visionary Toward His Plan

- God delays judgment out of mercy ([2 Peter 3:15](#), [2 Peter 3:9](#)).
- Believers are witnesses for Christ ([Acts 1:8](#)).

E — Established in Our Profession

- Warning against false teaching ([2 Peter 3:16–17](#)).

N — Nourishing in Our Progress

- Spiritual growth is continual ([2 Peter 3:18](#)).

Ways Spiritual Growth Comes

1. Growth comes through the watchfulness of prayer
2. Growth comes through the Word of God

3. Growth comes through the work of the church

*And let us consider one another to
provoke unto love and to good works: not
forsaking the assembling of ourselves
together, as the manner of some is; but
exhorting one another: and so much the
more, as ye see the day approaching.* – [Hebrews 10:24-25](#)

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