

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 1:12-21

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“Where Is Your Faith?” – Part 4

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2 Peter 1:12-21

12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, 14 knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Where Is Your Faith?

1.) Your faith is grounded in the truth

vs. 12-15

2.) Your faith is founded upon the facts

vs. 16-18

We now approach the section of Peter’s exhortation that just might be his greatest passion – some have called this Peter’s “Swan-Song”

And Now Here in 2 Peter 1:19-21

3.) Your faith is in the Almighty God

vs. 19-21

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3a.) The Almighty God who alone is Authoritative

vs. 19

3b.) The Almighty God who alone is Protective

vs. 20

3c.) The Almighty God who alone is Interactive

vs. 21

And he sets before us here a clue here that speaks to us about the deeper knowing of God.

(if the argument of verses 17-18 isn't enough, what's next is)

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Verse 19a

:19a And so we have the prophetic word confirmed,

The Old King James Version Here Rules The Day

2 Peter 1:19 KJV

We have also a more sure word of prophecy;

2 Peter 1:19 NIV

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable,

2 Peter 1:19 NLT

Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence
in the message proclaimed by the prophets.

prophetic: grk prophetes; a forth-teller of the divine will, one who speaks forward the word and will of God ahead of the people and the event(s).

confirmed: grk bebaios; the authoritative, firm, secured, grounded, unalterable word of God.

But Jack, How Can We Know If This Is True?

History / History / It's Called History

Isaiah 46:9-10

For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,
:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times
things that are not yet done

Isaiah 45:21-22

Declare what is to be, present it — let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and Savior; there is none but me. :22 “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

Isaiah 42:9

Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

John 14:29

“And now I have told you before it comes,
that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

Why would God want you to know that He keeps His word and that His word is ahead of tomorrow's events?

Ahead of the headlines / ahead of the crash / ahead of the sickness / ahead of the issues / ahead of the pain

Verse 19b

:**19b** which you do well to heed (why?) as a light that shines in a dark place,

Heed: grk prosecho; to hold on to, to turn to, to attend to, to have an addiction for.
(the true Christian is addicted to the hope of the light)

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

“As a light is synonymous with knowledge.

Light is representative of illumination and education. Light is a healer. Light calms the human soul and Light exposes hazards. Light is the morning trumpeter of new hope for a new day.”

Psalm 130:6

My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning—
Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

*A proper understanding of the Prophetic Word of God, places the Christian in the “**immediate now of ministry.**” Christians with the correct view of what the Bible says about the future (1) are as **Watchmen**, (2) they are **Evangelistic** in heart, and (3) they share in a **Sense of Urgency** – that time is both working for us, and against us.*

Moses, David, Daniel, John & You

Verse 19c

:**19c UNTIL** the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

UNTIL the day dawns (the happy anticipation)

and the morning star rises **IN YOUR HEARTS** (the desired moment)

With the argument of **The Transfiguration**, in mind - it was the preview of Christ’s coming kingdom (**Matthew 16:28**), that **The Transfiguration** event was a sample – a preview of God’s power to keep all His prophecies made.

“Prophecies Made. Prophecies Kept.”

Matthew 16:28

Verily I say unto you, there are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, **till they see** the Son of man coming in His kingdom.

Your Faith Is In The Almighty God

3b.) The Almighty God who alone is Protective

vs. 20

Verse 20

20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture
is of any private interpretation,

knowing: grk ginosko; to come or to become aware of, recognize, perceive, ascertaining, to be kept as a virgin is kept – hold on to and defend this knowledge.

No Prophecy of Scripture

Any Private Interpretation: grk idios; to give yourself both the explanation and the answer. To be Lord over your decisions and directions. To be dependent upon yourself, protective of yourself, to be about yourself.

Implication: is to solve your own dilemma by creating your own answer, creating a theology of self. To be your own guide (as in light).

Application: to look into the bible having a presupposition for the answers

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Verse 21

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy (dedicated) men of
God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Prof. William Barkley states

“One way to illustrate this work is to think of it this way. The Holy Spirit
used the Prophets to write His prophecies like a man uses a pen
to write to a friend.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtNcbu5oHQU>

End of Study