

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2020

# DIVINE POWER A STUDY OF 2 PETER

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup> I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup> since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup> And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. <sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

#### **BE ALERT**

Peter knew he was going to be killed very soon.

Jesus said...But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. ~ John 14:26

The Apostle Paul wrote... For me to <u>write the same things to you is not tedious</u>, but for you it is safe. ~ Philippians 3:1b

The law was found by Hilkiah the priest, around 620 B.C. 2 Kings 22:18-23

Jesus said...Heaven and earth will disappear, <u>but my words will never disappear</u>. ~ Matthew 24:35

PETER'S WORDS REMIND US OF TWO VITAL TRUTHS:

- 1. GOD'S WORD, IS THE MOST **RELIABLE** OF ALL **SOURCES**.
- 2. GOD'S WORD, IS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH.

Peter was an eye witness of the life and times of Jesus Christ!

For we did not <u>follow cunningly devised fables</u> when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>but were eyewitnesses of His majesty</u>.

17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a <u>voice came to</u>

Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

18 And <u>we heard this voice which came from heaven</u> when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ~ 2 Peter 1:16-18

Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created." ~ 2 Peter 3:3-4

PETER MADE THREE AFFIRMATIONS ABOUT GOD'S WORD:

1. IT IS THE **GUARANTEED** WORD.

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ~ 2 Peter 1:19

2. IT IS THE **<u>ILLUMINATING</u>** WORD.

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to <u>pay</u> <u>attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the</u> <u>morning star rises in your hearts.</u> ~ 2 Peter 1:19

King David wrote... "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" ~ Psalm 119:105.

Jesus said... "I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." ~ Revelations 22:16b

3. IT IS THE **SPIRIT-GIVEN** WORD.

### **Memory Verse**

Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

~ 2 Peter 1:20-21

<u>All Scripture</u> is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. ~ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### **Next Steps:**

- Memorize 2 Peter 1:20-21
- Become a follower of Jesus
- Make a commitment to study God's word daily
- Invite a friend to service next week