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Sermon Summary

Earthly Tents and Heavenly Words

2 Peter 1:12-21

The Christian and Death (2 Peter 1:12-15)

Peter understands that all have a time limit. He may have a day or a week or a month or a year, however long, he understands that here is time set on Heaven's calendar where he is going to die. He also understands that as long as he is in this life, his entire life is devoted to Christian service. Peter says as long as I am in this body, my life is devoted to Jesus Christ and to service in the church. Peter considers our earthly lives to be only temporary. In this life, we possess only something that is temporary but the next life is one that never ends and is permanent.

The Kingship and Deity of Christ (2 Peter 1:16-18)

Peter knows that his Gospel message is not a "cleverly devised tale" because he has seen the majesty of Christ for himself. Peter says that while on this mountain, Christ received honor and glory from God the Father. This stresses that Jesus of Nazareth is no ordinary human being. He is more than just a good teacher or a morally good man, he is God Himself! Isaiah 42:8 states that the Lord does not share his honor with another but throughout the New Testament we see the Son sharing in the honor that is due to God alone. If you want to be able to stare death in the face and think victory, you must submit to the Lordship and Kingship of Jesus Christ. Peter knew of the kingship, deity, and glory of Jesus Christ.

The Sufficiency of the Word of God (2 Peter 1:19-21)

Peter understood that everything that took place in the life of Jesus and that was confirmed on the mount of transfiguration was pointed to by the prophets. There is so much darkness that if we don't cling to the light, we're going to be overtaken by the dark. Peter wants us to remember that we have the light of God's Word before us, but the day is going to come when the light from the lamp is seen in full by the coming Son of God in glory. Where the Bible speaks. From Genesis to Revelation, it is all God's Word and it all testifies to One person: Jesus Christ. All of Scripture is really saying one thing: God. God is our creator, God is our sustainer, God is our redeemer, God is sovereign over all things. A shallow study, a shallow devotion to God's Word will produce shallow Christians at best and nonbelievers at worst. So, what are you going to do with the Word that has been given to us?