

The Epistle of Second PETER
Chapter 1:15-21
“A Light that Shines in a Dark Place”

I) JESUS SHINES IN A DARK PLACE! (v15-18)

- **Mt. Of Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36):**
- A Personal Event - A time of PRAYER.
- “A place of **TRANSFIGURATION**” (metamorphosis)
- “An appearance of Moses & Elijah” (**LAW & PROPHETS**)
- “A cloud overshadows them” (**HEAVENLY** Host)
- “The voice of **GOD** is heard”
- “Jesus touched them & removed their **FEARS**”

- A Prophetic View- C.I. Scofield writes “The transfiguration scene contains, in miniature, all the elements of the future kingdom in manifestation: (1) the Lord Jesus, not in humiliation but in glory (v2); (2) Moses, in glory, representative of the redeemed who have passed through death into the kingdom (Mt. 13:43; cp. Lk. 9:30-31); (3) Elijah, in glory, representative of the redeemed who have entered the kingdom by translation (1Cor. 15:50-53; 1Th. 4:13-17); (4) Peter, James, and John, not glorified, representatives, for the moment, of Israel in the flesh in the future kingdom (Ezek. 37:21-27); and (5) the crowd at the foot of the mountain (v14), representative of those who are to be brought into the kingdom after it is established over Israel (Isa. 11:10-12; etc.).

II) GOD’S WORD SHINES IN A DARK PLACE! (v19-21)

- What confirms our faith? The **PROPHETIC** Word!
- How did the prophecy of Scripture come? They were moved by the **HOLY SPIRIT**.
- The Apostle Paul declares in 2 Tim 3:16-17- *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*
- The Bible declares the fulfillment of over **2000** prophecies!
- Jesus fulfilled over **400** prophecies! (What are the odds of fulfilling just eight prophecies: 1 in 10 to the 17th power! How about 48 prophecies 10 to the 157th power!)

➤ **Four Ways To Prove the Bible:**

- #1- By **PERSONAL** experience! A Removal of guilt & a new life!
- #2- **SCIENTIFIC** proof! (Atomic fision - @ Peter 3:10; Ocean currents – Ps. 8:8, Isaiah 43:16; Hydrologic cycle – Job 36:17, Amos 9:6; Jet streams – Ecclesiastes 1:6-7; Dinosaurs – Job 40-41, Ps. 74:14; Innumerable stars – Jeremiah 33:22; Earth’s circumference – Isaiah 40:22; Man’s chemistry – Genesis 2:7.)
- #3- **ARCHEOLOGICAL** proof!
- #4- Fulfilled Bible **PROPHECY!**

Porter Barrington- *Keep in mind that the Bible is not a book of philosophy, although it is philosophical. Do not go to the Bible for a scientific treatise. However, there is no discrepancy between ascertained facts of science and the Bible. The Bible is not a book of history, but is found to be accurate when recording history. The Bible was given to man from God, revealing Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and God the Son, the only Savior.*

> **Psalms LIGHT - Ps 119:105-** *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*

> The Value of God's Word

- Ten great promises for your life through the Word of God:

#1- God's Word produces God's WILL- Isa 55:11- *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

#2- His Word brings FREEDOM- John 8:31-32- *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

#3- The Word is our GUIDE- Ps 119:105- *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

#4- The Word is our DAILY SUSTENANCE- 1 Peter 2:2- *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*

#5- The Word CONVICTS OUR LIFE- Heb 4:12- *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*

#6- The Word is our WEAPON against the devil- Eph 6:17- *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

#7- His Word brings ANSWERS TO PRAYER- John 15:7- *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

#8- His Word SANCTIFIES us- John 17:17-18- *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

#9- The Word produces SALVATION- Acts 4:4- *However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*

#10- His Word produces God's LOVE- 1 John 2:5- *But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him*

Frank Charles Thompson writes- *Study the Bible as a traveler who seeks to obtain a thorough and experimental knowledge of a new country. Go over its vast fields of truth; descend into its valleys; climb its mountains of vision; follow its streams of inspiration; enter its halls of instruction; visit its wondrous portrait galleries. Study "The Word" as a miner digs for gold, or as a diver plunges into the depths of the sea for pearls.*

Ps 19:7-11- *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;*

The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,

Yea, than much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them Your servant is warned,

And in keeping them there is great reward.