Glenwood Baptist Church

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FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson Seven • 2Peter 1:19-21

Pay Attention To God's Word

If You Are Going to Finish Your Faith:

Then you will do well to <u>PAY ATTENTION</u> to God's Word until Jesus comes!

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

2Peter 2:19 NIV

Three Reasons to Pay Attention to God's Word:

I. God's Word Is A <u>SOUID FOUNDATION</u> You Can Trust In A Fallen World!

We also have the prophetic word made more sure... 2Peter 2:19 NKJV

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed... 2Peter 2:19 ESV

So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed... 2Peter 2:19 HSCB

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain... 2Peter 2:19 NIV

2. God's Word Is A <u>BRIGHT LIGHT</u> You Can Follow In A Dark World!

We also have the prophetic word made more sure, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place... 2Peter 2:19 NKJV

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 ESV

3. God's Word Is An <u>INSPIRED WORD</u> You Can Believe In A Deceptive World!

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2Peter 2:20-21 NKJV

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 2Peter 1:20-21 NASB

The Divine Author of God's Word:

God's Word is not the imagination or invention of men; rather God's Word is INSPIRED by God as "men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" with their own language, personalities, and literary styles.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God [literally God-breathed], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteourness. 2Timothy 3:16 NKJV

The Process of Inspiration:

- > The human authors of God's Word "SPOKE from God".
- The human authors of God's Word were "MOVED by the Holy Spirit".

God's Inspired Word:

We must INTERPRET God's Word correctly.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation. 2Peter 2:20

Get Ready, A Bright Ray of Hope Is Coming!

A day is coming when Jesus Christ, the Morning Star and the Light of the world, will return. Until then, you will do well to PAY ATTENTION to God's Word.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. Romans 15:4 NIV