

A LIGHT IN A DARK PLACE

Text: 2 Peter 1:19

I. THE _____ OF THE LIGHT

- The Word of God, the _____, described here as “our more sure word of prophecy.”
 - “Sure” = “firm, solid, stable, _____, certain, fixed, reliable”
 - “More sure” than man-made _____, personal _____, or eyewitness testimony by itself (vs. 16-18).
 - The “prophetic word” = not just to those parts of Scripture that foretell the future but the whole Bible because all of it was recorded by _____ acting as the mouthpieces of God.
- Since it’s not possible for God to lie or make a mistake, the Word of God must be perfect, without _____ (inerrant), and without fault or failure (infallible).
- Vs. 20-21: “_____” = “to be carried along, or borne along,” like a leaf floating down a stream or a ship blown before the wind.
 - The prophets God used as His spokesmen on earth wrote as they were guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that what they wrote down was in fact the inerrant and infallible Word of God.
 - 2 Tim. 3:16: “Inspiration” = God Himself _____ out the words of Scripture.

II. THE _____ OF THE LIGHT

- Paraphrase: “You do well that you are continually taking heed, or paying attention, or fixing your thoughts, or holding your mind on the Word as your lamp, or your light source, always shining in a dark place.”
- “Dark” can also mean “_____, parched, dusty, squalid, dirty, filthy, gloomy, or dismal” and it refers to the darkness of this present evil world.
- Question: How do we pay attention (practically) to the Word of God?
 - First and fundamentally, by _____ it.
 - Professing Christians whose lives reveal little to no interest in knowing and obeying the Word of God are missing one of the critical evidences of true _____ (1 John 2:4-5, 1 Pet. 2:2-3).
- Application: Your attitude toward and attention to the Bible are of the very first importance because they reveal the true orientation of your _____ toward the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. THE _____ OF THE LIGHT

- Question: How long are we supposed to take heed to the light of the Word?

- “Until the _____ dawns” = until the day breaks or “shines through.”
 - Christ is the sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2) and the dayspring from on high (Lk. 1:79).
- “And the day star _____”
 - “Day star” = “light bringer” and refers to the _____ star, the planet Venus when it rises into the sky before dawn.
 - Christ is the star that would arise out of Jacob (Num. 24:17) and the bright and morning star (Rev. 22:17).
- “Dawning” and “rising” refer specifically to His _____.
 - Not to His first coming at Christmas (already past).
 - Not primarily to His second coming.
 - But to His coming “in our _____” through the illuminating power of His Word.
 - Through ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the Word of God reveals the _____ of Jesus Christ to the hearts of believers.
 - Not His full glory, but a foretaste of His glory!
- Application: How long should you take heed to the light of the Word? Until you see _____.
 - No matter what darkness comes our way, we need to keep our attention diligently focused on the Word of God because all those Who seek Christ diligently in the Word will _____ Him there and will find their faith strengthened in the _____ of His presence.
 - Some times when we need to pay particular heed to the light of God’s Word:
 - In the darkness of _____ (Ps. 119:105, 9-11)
 - In the darkness of _____ and trials.
 - In the darkness of _____.

CONCLUSION

- Spurgeon: Let’s go home and _____ our Bibles.
- As we head into new year of 2022, let’s take heed to the light of God’s Word.