

PAY ATTENTION TO THE PROPHETIC MESSAGE

2 Peter 1:12-21

Key Verse: 1:19

“We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, 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.”

1. What is Peter eager to remind believers of (12)? Why did Peter have a sense of urgency in doing this (13-15)? How did Peter view his life in this world? Why do we need such reminders, even though we know these things?
2. How did Peter differentiate his teaching from that of false teachers (16; 2:3)? What was the main point of his teaching about Jesus (17; Mt 17:5; Mk 9:7)? Why was his testimony valid (18)?
3. Read verse 19. How does the prophetic message verify Peter’s teaching about Jesus (Jn 5:39; Lk 24:44-48)? What does it mean to “pay attention to” the prophetic message (Ps 42:1-2; Ps 130:6)? How long should we do so? What happens (Ps 119:105; Ac 17:11-12; 2 Cor 4:6)?
4. Above all, what must we understand about the Scripture (20)? What is characteristic of the Scripture (21)? What assurance does this give us in believing the prophetic message?