

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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For this reason, I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover, I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. (2 Peter 1:12-15)

The Apostle Peter's second letter is very much like 2 Timothy was to Paul's protégé Timothy. These were the last two letters these apostles wrote before sealing their testimony with their life's blood. Peter also like Paul referred to his body as a tent like structure, temporary in nature, that was about to be "put off" so that an immortal body might be "put on." Both wanted to remind those being left behind what was most important as followers of Jesus.

The last two paragraphs of this first chapter are some of the most instructional in the entire New Testament on the subject of inspiration from the Bible. Peter says, ***"we did not follow cunningly devised fables..."*** The word for fable is *μῦθος, muthos*, pronounced (*moo'-thos*) then proceeds to talk about the transfiguration that God the Father allowed he, James, and John to witness in the Mount of Transfiguration. Which I believe is Mt. Herman, or in the Herman range. Peter was

an eyewitness to the glory of God. The transfiguration that was recorded in the gospel accounts tells of Jesus the Son of God being transfigured from his earthly body to his glorious body that He had with the Father before coming to earth and the body like the one He would have after the resurrection. Peter said that as real and sure as that experience was, it paled in comparison to the assurance of the Scriptures being the very Words of God. He goes on to explain what he was telling them.

And so, we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 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. (2 Peter 1:19-21)

Peter says in essence that more sure than the experience of sight and sound, seeing and hearing is the written Word of God. Why? Because great Holy Men of God were "carried along" by the Holy Spirit that that Spirit so superintended them and oversaw what they were doing, so that what they wrote down were the very words of God. The Podcast will go into more depth.

Prayer and Action Steps

The Bible, the Word of God is a more sure word than if we had been spoken to by an angel or other divine messenger. You and I might make a mistake about experiencing God in sight and sound, but God's Word, the Bible is more sure. It is written down so we can read it over and over again.