

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (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.
  - 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.
- In this new year of 2024, if we want to rise up and build, we must take heed to the light of God’s Word.