**PAY ATTENTION TO THE PROPHETIC MESSAGE**

2 Peter 1:12-21

Key Verse: 1:19a

**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?**

**Prophecy of Scripture**

**12**So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. **13**I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, **14**because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. **15**And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember 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)?**

**16**For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17**He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Peter+1%3A12-21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30497a)] **18**We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

**5**While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

**7**Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

**3. Read verse 19. How does the prophet 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)?**

**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.

**39**You study[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jn+5%3A39%3B+Lk+24%3A44-48&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26250a)] the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,

**44**He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” **45**Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46**He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47**and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48**You are witnesses of these things.

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
    so my soul pants for you, my God.  
**2**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
    When can I go and meet with God?

6 I wait for the Lord  
    more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
    more than watchmen wait for the morning.

**105**Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
    a light on my path.

**11**Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. **12**As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

**6**For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ps+119%3A105%3B+Ac+17%3A11-12%3B+2+Cor+4%3A6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28866a)] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

**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?**

**20**Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. **21**For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.