

## Longed to Know

1 Peter 1:10-12

1. About this \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10-11)
  - a. Prophesied \_\_\_\_\_ to you
  - b. Received the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_'s revelation
    - i. Investigating the \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Investigating the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Predicted the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
  - d. Predicted the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
2. About the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12)
  - a. Served by the \_\_\_\_\_ of old
  - b. Given \_\_\_\_\_ with the message
  - c. Sent the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit
  - d. Given a \_\_\_\_\_ treasure!

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"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."

(John 5:39-40)

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

(Luke 24:27)

"For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

(Luke 10:23)

## For Further Study

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For believers, salvation is already obtained and "ready" (v. 5) but not yet realized in its fullness. It is the "end" or outcome of our faith (v. 9) – the salvation of our souls revealed at the last time.

The broader context, remember, is Peter's teaching that believers can expect trials and suffering and yet be able to not only endure this but find joy in our faith and its "outcome" at the same time. How can this discussion about the view of prophets and angels in connection with salvation encourage suffering believers?

Read John 5:39-47. What is the Old Testament about? Who revealed information about grace and salvation to the prophets (1 Peter 1:11)? How can it be comforting to be part of a bigger picture of history than either yourself or the here and now?

What value is the Old Testament? According to verse 12, these prophets were doing what for us? Does this change how you should approach reading the prophets?

Discuss this text in the context of the following critiques of the Old Testament or comparisons of the two testaments:

1. "The Old Testament is about the law while the New Testament is about grace."
2. "People in the Old Testament were saved in a different way than people after the coming of Jesus."
3. "We are New Testament believers. The Old Testament, while interesting, is not that important to us."

So far, in verses 3-12, how has Peter helped prepare the readers for the sufferings of this world?