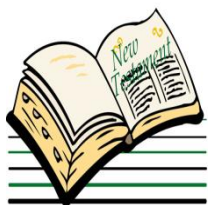


Sermon Notes



Title: "The LORD's Exiles Must Understand the Sure Basis of Their Hope"

Text: 1 Peter 1:10-12

Theme: Know the sure and certain basis for your hope in Christ. It is a hope that can never disappoint. When doubts come meet them head on as the Prophets did by looking into the Scriptures.

I. The Old Testament Prophets _____ Diligently
About Their _____ (10)

II. The _____ of Christ Spoke Through the Prophets
About the _____ and the
_____ of the Messiah (11)

III. The Old Testament Prophets Who Spoke Were
_____ the _____ of the
_____ (12)

IV. Applications

- A. The foundation upon which your faith rests is _____ and _____.
- B. Faith of itself is _____. It is the _____ of your faith that makes all the difference.
- C. When _____ come, meet them head on by looking into the _____.

Next Week Read: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Who were the Prophets about which Peter speaks?
2. About what did the Prophets speak (v. 10b)?
3. What did these Prophets do with respect to their prophetic messages (v. 10c-11a)?
4. Who was really speaking through these Prophets (v. 11a)?
5. What was the Spirit predicting through the messages of these Prophets (v. 11b)?
6. What did God reveal to these Prophets as to whom they were really serving in speaking their messages (v. 12a)?
7. What message is now the fulfillment of the things about which these Prophets spoke (v. 12b)?
8. Who spoke this message to Peter's audience (v. 12b)?
9. Who was really speaking through these messengers to Peter's audience (v. 12b)?
10. Who are eagerly curious about this message and what is happening because of it (v. 12c)?
11. What word connects verses 10-12 with verses 3-9? How do you understand this word?
12. Does Peter's reference to the prophets indicate their relevance for today? If so, how?
13. Why is it imperative to know and understand the foundation upon which your faith is based?
14. What was the issue of interpretation in these verses? What do you think is the better understanding? Why?
15. Why do you think the sufferings of the Messiah predicted by the Prophets were largely overlooked by the Jews?
16. Why do you suppose the angels are so interested in what happens to mankind in the course of redemption?
17. What really saves you?
18. Jesus told the woman who anointed and kissed His feet at the home of Simon that her faith had "saved" her (Luke 7:50). How then can one say that faith does not save anyone?
19. Have you ever had doubts about the basis for your faith and hope in the Gospel? If so, why do you think you had such doubts? What do you do to deal with doubts if or when they arise in your heart and mind?
20. How can reading and meditating on Scripture alleviate doubts that arise in your heart regarding the foundation of your faith? Are there other things you can and should do? If so, what?