

1 Peter 1:10-21
The Believer's Inheritance: An
Incentive to Holiness

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Flow of 1 Peter 1:1-21

Vss. 1-12: Reasons why we hope: Our salvation.
Vs.13: We must set our hope on Jesus' return.
Vss. 14-16: We must be devoted to holiness.
Vs. 17: We must live in fear of God.
Vss. 18-21: Reasons for why we should fear God.

The Prophets Taught "Messianic Doctrine"

1 Peter 1:10-11 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you **made careful searches and inquiries**, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

Better Rendered: "what time or what sort of time"

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1 Peter 1:12 **It was revealed to them** that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

The Prophets Taught A Future Promise

Numbers 24:17 I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel...

2 Samuel 7:18-19a "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house that you have brought me this far? And yet this was insignificant in Your eyes, O Lord GOD, for You have spoken also of the house of Your servant concerning the distant future."

Living Holy Lives By Believing God's Promises

1 Peter 1:13-16 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

We Must Remember The Price Paid
1 Peter 1:17-19 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

God's Plan Was No Afterthought
1 Peter 1:20-21 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Application

1. Old Testament "Messianic doctrine" proves to us that the Bible is God's word.
2. We must believe in the promises of God to be obedient and persevere.

1. How Do We Understand O.T. Prophecy?

1. Sensus Plenior: The O.T. prophets wrote "better than they knew." The original meaning yields to a fuller meaning in the N.T.
2. Relecture Meaning: The N.T. writers wrote new meanings into O.T. promises.
3. Theological Meaning: "The N.T. sees Christ as the goal end of Israel's history, even if it were only a theological and not a historical judgment" (Kaiser, *Messiah In O.T.*, 22).

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The O.T. Prophets According to 1Peter 1:10-12

- "made careful searches and inquiries"
- "seeking to know what or what sort of time"
- "It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you..."

Luke 24:27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

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John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me..."

Acts 2:30-31 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY."

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2 Timothy 3:14-15 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

~~2. We Must Set Our Minds On Our Reward~~

1 Peter 1:13b ...fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

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Romans 4:20-22...with respect to the promise of God he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. THEREFORE IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
