

2 Peter 1:12-18

The Apostolic Testimony of Jesus' Enthronement

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Peter "Reminds" The Flock

2 Peter 1:12 Therefore, **I will always be ready** to remind you of **these things**, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*.

Of what things will Peter remind them?

1. Those things covered in verses 3-11.
2. Things coming in a subsequent letter.
3. Those things covered in the entire letter.

Peter Prepares The Flock

2 Peter 1:13-15 I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

The Lord's Return Is No Myth!

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, **but we were eyewitnesses** of His majesty.

The Father Confirms His Son's Authority

2 Peter 1:17-18 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"— and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

God's Coronation Of His Son

Psalms 2:4-8 He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 'Ask of Me, and **I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance**, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

Application

1. We are called to always remember what the Lord has done for us.

Exodus 13:3 "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten."

Deut. 7:18 You shall not be afraid of them (nations) but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to the Pharaoh and to all Egypt.

1. The Need To "Remember"

2 Peter 1:9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.

2 Peter 1:12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*.

1 Cor. 11:25b...do this in remembrance of Me.

Application

2. We can only trust in the objective revelation of God given to His prophets and apostles.

Jeremiah 23:16 Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; They speak a vision of their own imagination, Not from the mouth of the LORD.

"You will hear God speaking to you in that still, small voice that prompts you in your spirit."

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2. Trust Only In The Objective Word

1 Kings 19:11-12 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD."... *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

Still = "duhmamah" – "to roar"

Small = "thaqah" – "to crush or make small"

Voice = "cole" - "thunderous voice" Ex.19:16

2. Trust Only In The Objective Word

1 John 1:1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us.

John 15:27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Application

3. We can take comfort from Peter's words in 2 Peter 1:12-18 that Jesus will certainly return bodily despite what scoffers say today.

Full Preterism: Jesus returned "spiritually" at 70 A.D. to judge Jerusalem and there is no literal, bodily return of Christ in the future.

3. Peter's Words Prove Jesus' Future Return

Matthew 16:28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Matthew 17:1-2 Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light...

3. Peter's Words Prove Jesus' Future Return

Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

Psalms 2:7 I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Isaiah 42:1 Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights...
