

THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S HOLY WORD
II PETER 1:16-21

Introduction:

- A. The Christian faith is not based on fables.
 - 1. We have not followed cunningly devised fables.
 - 2. "we have not repeated sophisticated legends.

- b. They had preached the truth about Jesus.
 - 1. "we told you of his power."
 - a. dunamis = the power God possesses to accomplish His purpose.
 - b. Every kind of power.
 - 2. We told you of His coming.
 - a. parousia = being present.
 - b. John 1:6-14.
 - 3. "we were admitted to the spectacle of His sovereignty."
 - a. We saw Him, who is God.

I. THE VOICE OF GOD ESTABLISHED THE TRUE IDENTITY
OF JESUS CHRIST. v17

- A. "for he received honour and glory from God the Father, when from the glory of the Divine majesty there were borne to His ears words such as these."
 - 1. There was a voice that spake from heaven.
 - 2. This voice honored and glorified Jesus.

- B. "This is my Son, my Beloved! He is my chosen!"
 - 1. Matt. 3:13-17. At His baptism.
 - 2. This was from the "Holy Mount" v18.
 - 3. Matt. 17:1-8.

- C. Jesus was transfigured!
 - 1. transfigured = metamorphosis = to change ones form
 - 2. v2, tells us of his appearance.

- D. God's people should be transformed.
 - 1. Rom 12:1-2. I beseech ye therefore brethren..."
 - 2. transformed, is exactly the same word!

III. THIS WAS A CONFIRMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD. V19a

- A. "All of this only confirms for us the message of the prophets."
 - 1. The voice was to confirm a truth previously spoken.
 - 2. Jesus never worked miracles to teach "new" truth.
- B. We should listen to the Word of God.
 - 1. "to which you will do well to pay attention."
 - a. "listen-up world!"
 - 2. "as a light that shines in a dark place."
 - a. This is the source of true light.
 - b. In a dark cave, only one light, guard and carefully follow its beam.
 - 3. We will need this light until.
 - a. "the day dawn"
 - b. "and the day star arise in your hearts."

IV. THE BIBLE MUST BE STUDIED AS A WHOLE SYSTEM.

- A. "understanding this, at the outset, that no prophetic scripture, is of individual solution."
 - 1. epulusis = release from, solution.
 - 2. private = own, one's own.
 - 3. "No prophecy is to be interpreted apart and separated from other scriptures.
- B. We know the Bible can be understood.
 - 1. We are commanded to study.
 - 2. Roman Catholic interpretation is "the church fathers will do this for you."
- C. The Bible did not come from the mind of men.

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1. "for no prophecy ever came or originated because some man willed it."
2. The sure sign of a false prophet is the sign of man's will and wisdom.

D. God moved men to speak it.

1. "but men, moved by the Holy Spirit, spoke direct for God."

E. Don't insult God by saying you believe His Word when you won't do what He says!

Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

1. Conform = to form, fashion, or shape one thing after or like another to be fashioned after an example.