

## II Peter 1:12-18

### I. Introduction:

A. There is a reason things need to be brought to remembrance (**Hebrews 12:5, Hebrews 13:1-2, and Hebrews 13:16**).

1. There are those who are “forgetful hearers” (**James 1:21-25**).
2. Sometimes needing to remember is about recollection of something in light of something else (**Matthew 16:1-12**).

B. There is also the need for occasional reassurance (**Acts 18:23**).

1. There are those that would like to trouble us as we see in the first century (**Acts 15:24 and Galatians 5:12**).
2. So the work of edification, of building up, is the important counter to that (**I Timothy 1:3-7**).

### II. Body: II Peter 1:12-18

A. Putting in remembrance (**II Peter 3:1-2**).

1. A major part of teaching is reminding (**Romans 15:14-15, I Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 3:1, I Timothy 4:1-9, II Timothy 1:6, II Timothy 2:14, Jude 1:5, and Jude 1:17-19**).
2. Bringing to remembrance is just that. It is not “new” information. Teaching what is already known for growth purposes (**I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).
3. The Lord had showed Peter his decease. This could be recent or a recollection of something Jesus showed him in the past (cf. **John 21:15-19**).

B. Having not followed cunningly devised fables (**Colossians 1:5 and I John 5:20**; cf. **John 14:6**).

1. There are those fables that turn from the truth of which saints are to be opposed (**II Timothy 4:1-5 and Titus 1:10-14**).
2. The eyewitnesses (**John 1:14, Acts 1:1-8, Acts 2:32, Acts 4:33, Acts 5:29-32, Acts 10:39-41, I Corinthians 15:1-11, and I John 1:1-3**).
3. The pattern of eyewitnesses as evidence (**Deuteronomy 17:6, Deuteronomy 19:15-16, Matthew 18:15-20, I Timothy 5:19, etc.**).  
\*MUST BE CREDIBLE (**Exodus 23:1**).
4. Creditability in that the words of credible prophets aligned with the accounts of those witnesses too (**Luke 24:44 and Acts 26:22**; cf. **II Peter 1:19-21**).

C. From the holy mount (**Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-9, and Luke 9:28-36**).

1. The greatest witness of all (**John 5:31-39**).
2. The Father testified of His Son (**I John 5:9**).

### III. Conclusion: Our next lesson: II Peter 1:19-21