

II Peter 1:19-21

I. Introduction:

A. Having already given evidence that Jesus was not a cunningly devised fable (**II Peter 1:16-18**), Peter gives more evidence in what we are going to study.

1. God expects us to be evidence seeking people (**I Thessalonians 5:21**).
2. He expects us to search the Scriptures (**John 5:39** and **Acts 17:10-11**) AND use proper reasoning skills (**Hebrews 5:14**).
3. By proper reasoning skills I simply mean not convoluted human reasoning (**Proverbs 3:5-7**, **Proverbs 16:25**, and **Colossians 2:6-8**) or self-justification (**II Corinthians 10:18**).

B. Having assurance [entire confidence] in what we believe is essential (**Hebrews 6:9-12** and **Hebrews 10:22-23**).

1. To be unmovable (**I Corinthians 15:58**).
2. Confident until the end (**Hebrews 3:14**).

II. Body: II Peter 1:19-21

A. More sure [stable; firm] word of prophesy as prophesies were/are considerable evidence. Notice how Jesus and Peter used such evidence (**Luke 24:13-27** and **Acts 3:11-26**).

1. When looking at Jesus, all the words of the prophets concerning Him had to be fulfilled (**Luke 24:44**).
2. The evidence - according to the Scriptures (**I Corinthians 15:1-4**).

B. As a light that shineth in a dark place as it relates to prophets (**Psalms 19:7-8**, **Psalms 119:104-105**, and **Proverbs 6:23**) and the person of Jesus (**John 8:12**).

1. Seeing the difference between the true light and the false (**Isaiah 8:20**).
2. Until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts (**II Corinthians 4:1-6**). Simple: Just think of the dawn of day and the sunrising.
3. Understanding why we need to discern the difference between light and darkness (**II Corinthians 6:14-7:1** and **Ephesians 5:6-11**).

C. No prophesy of Scripture is of man's own explanation. Faithful prophets just stated what was revealed to them (**Revelation 1:1-3**).

1. Sometimes one receiving a divine revelation/vision had no clue of the meaning of what they saw (**II Corinthians 12:1-4**).
2. They didn't understand or know all things revealed to them (**Matthew 13:17**).
3. Some things were seen as afar off; not in focus (**Hebrews 11:13**).

D. Prophets were moved by the Holy Ghost to speak (**II Samuel 23:1-2**, **Luke 1:67-79**, **Mark 12:36** [cf. **Psalms 110:1**], **Acts 1:16** [cf. **Psalms 41:9**], **I Corinthians 2:9-13**, **Hebrews 3:7-11** [cf. **Psalms 95:7-11**], **Hebrews 10:15-17** [cf. **Jeremiah 31:31-34**], and **I Peter 1:10-11**).

1. Not having to take thought (**Mark 13:11**).

2. Literally, by the Spirit even in the first century when the mysteries of old were revealed (**Ephesians 3:1-11**).

III. Conclusion: Our next lesson: **II Peter 2:1**