

Why We Need to take Peter's Words Very Seriously¹ 2 Peter 1:16–21

This is not some kind of fairy tale!

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

It is eyewitness testimony of the clearest kind.

but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”

¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

The result is a Word from God that you can fully count on.

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed,

So, place close attention,

to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place,

until you fully grasp the implications of what is being said,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

because, you know where this is coming from, and where it isn't.

²⁰ knowing this first of all,

that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God

as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Now would be a good time to reread and reconsider what Peter has said from the beginning of his letter. How does it apply to you? Where do you line up according to what has been said? Do you fully embrace it? Does it bring you up short? Where should you begin? The gift? The promises? The qualities? Does this find you assured in your relationship with the Father? Or, do you feel like you're on shaky ground? How well Do you know your Creator and Savior? Do you trust Him? Would you consider your growth in relationship with Him as moving forward or stalled? Is your life, after beginning relationship with Him productive and fruitful?

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” **Matthew 17:1–7 (ESV)**

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