

<p>A</p>	<p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing his imminent death, Peter “intend[s] always to remind you of these things”. What we preach does “not follow cleverly devised myths” but is according to our lived experience, including the transfiguration. The words of the prophets are truth, therefore, we must pay attention. All “prophecy of Scripture” came from “men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God”; should never be subjected to “one’s own interpretation”. False prophets have always existed and will appear again. Many will follow and perish with them. Just as God “did not spare the angels when they sinned”, “brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly”, and “turning the cities of Sodom and Gomor’rah to ashes”, God will “rescue the godly from trial”. 	<p>1:12-2:10</p> <p>1:12-21</p> <p>2:1-10</p>
<p>B</p>	<p><u>Parting Admonition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter knows that his days are numbered, therefore before his death, he desires to remind the faithful with his unique experience of some important messages and truth. “I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them” – Even if they know, they may still forget or be swayed; therefore, they need to be reaffirmed and reminded. This work has to be “encouraged”; words that can lift one’s spirit. The human body is like the tent, exiled in the wilderness; the purpose of the tower is to bring humanity closer to heaven but even that does not last forever and is destroyed. Peter, following the instructions of Jesus, knows that the tent will be taken down soon. 	<p>1:12-15</p> <p>CCSS</p> <p>1:12-13, CCSS, 1Jn 2:21, Eph 4:12-14</p> <p>1:14-15, CCSS, CSB, 2Cor 5:1, Jn 21:19</p>
<p>C</p>	<p><u>God’s Words are the Truth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The teachings about the “coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” have been deemed as “cleverly devised myths”. To Peter, these teachings are true as they are based on the experiences of the “eyewitnesses”, especially the mystery of the transfiguration. Another reason to place our confidence in God’s words: “no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, 	<p>1:16-21</p> <p>1:19-21, CCSS CSB, SN1</p>

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	<p>because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God". Peter sees God's words in the OT as the prophecy in Scripture. This teaching highlights the meaning of inspiration. Is personal interpretation of the Bible through the Holy Spirit reliable?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's words are like "the morning star rises in your heart": dispels darkness and heralds a new day; "a star shall come out of Jacob"; so that we may clearly see the truth. 	<p>Group Time QA1</p> <p>CCSS, CSB Num 24:17, Rev 2:28, 22:16, 1Cor 13:12</p>
D	<p><u>Against False Teachers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References to Jude's teachings (2:1-18, 3:1-3 are related to Jude 4-13, 16-18). • False prophets existed in ancient times, "there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies". 	<p>2:1-3</p> <p>CSB</p> <p>Dt 18:20-22 Jer 14:14, CCSS</p>
E	<p><u>Examples of God Punishing the Wicked</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example 1 – Angels "committed ... to pits of deepest darkness, to be kept until judgement". This comes from Jewish traditions, related to Gen 6:1-4. • Example 2 – "... preserved Noah, ... with seven other persons" => God protects the righteous but punishes the wicked; the flood in ancient times, the fire at the end time (3:10-12); after God's judgement of the ancient world, the world is cleansed and renewed, beginning with Noah's family; after the final judgement of the end time, Christians will commence the new heaven and new earth. We should follow Noah's example of going against the current and as a result, has been preserved as "a herald of righteousness". • Example 3 – Sodom and Gomor'rah are burned to "ashes" and are "condemned ... to extinction and made ... an example to those who were to be ungodly". • Both false teachers and their followers deny "the Master", all 3 examples demonstrate that God will "rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgement". 	<p>2:4-10</p> <p>2:4, CCSS, CSB</p> <p>2:5, CCSS, CSB</p> <p>2:6-8, CCSS, CSB</p> <p>2:9-10, CCSS, CSB</p>

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