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2 PETER 2 VS 16 – 18

“ WAKE UP AND REMEMBER “

PART 2

16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." **18** We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain

LAST TIME WE LOOKED AT VERSES 12- 15 , PETER UNDERSCORED THE DEPENDABILITY AND DURABILITY OF THE WORD BY CONTRASTING THE WORD OF GOD WITH

I. MEN DIE, BUT THE WORD LIVES – (VS 12-15)

TODAY AS WE LOOK AT VERSES 16-18 WE WILL SEE THE NEXT CONTRAST THAT PETER USES TO PROVE THE DEPENDABILITY AND DURABILITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

II. EXPERIENCES FADE, BUT THE WORD REMAINS – (VS 16-18) THE FOCUS IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST. WE WILL FIND THIS EXPERIENCE RECORDED IN

A. **MATTHEW** (17 VS 1)

B. **MARK** (9 VS 2-8)

C. **LUKE** (9 VS 28-36)

NOTE: THE INTERESTING THING IS EVEN THOUGH THESE WRITERS RECORDED IT IN SCRIPTURE YET:

D. **NONE OF THEM PARTICIPATED IN IT-** BUT PETER WAS THERE WHEN IT HAPPEN! IN FACT THE VERY WORDS HE WROTE IN THIS SECTION (2 PETER 1 VS 12-18) REMINDS US OF HIS EXPERIENCE ON THE MT. OF TRANSFIGURATION. NOTE THE REPETITION “ WE “ IN 2 PETER 2 VS 16-19. WHO IS PETER TALKING ABOUT WHEN HE SAYS WE ?

1. **HIMSELF**

2. **JAMES**

3. **JOHN** (REF- JOHN 1 VS 14)

THESE MEN HAD TO KEEP SILENT ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE UNTIL AFTER THE LORD WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD. (MAT 17 VS 9); THEN THEY TOLD THE OTHER BELIEVERS WHAT HAPPEN ON THE MOUNTAIN.

SIGNIFICANCES OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

1. CONFIRMED PETERS TESTIMONY ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (MAT 16 VS 13-16)

A. **PETER SAW THE SON IN HIS GLORY**

B. **PETER HEARD THE FATHER SPEAK FROM HEAVEN** (2 PETER 1 VS 17)

ORDER OF THINGS :

FAITH IN CHRIST

CONFESS HIM

GIVES US WONDERFUL CONFIRMATION

2. IT HAD MUCH TO DO WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD – IN ALL THREE GOSPELS WHERE THE ACCOUNT OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IS RECORDED, IT IS INTRODUCED WITH A STATEMENT ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. JESUS PROMISES THAT BEFORE SOME OF THE DISCIPLES DIE THEY WOULD SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN POWER! (MAT 16 VS 28; MARK 9 VS 1; LUKE 9 VS 27) WHY WAS THIS IMPORTANT ?

A. **IT WAS A WORD OF ASSURANCE FOR THE DISCIPLES** – WHO COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE TEACHINGS OF THE CROSS. IF HE WERE TO DIE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE PROMISED KINGDOM THAT HE HAD BEEN PREACHING ABOUT?

WHY WAS PETER USING THE TRANSFIGURATION IN THIS LETTER ?

ANSWER : **HE WAS REFUTING THE FALSE TEACHINGS OF THE APOSTATES** – THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL NEVER COME (2 PETER 3 VS 3-4) THE FALSE DENIED THE PROMISE OF THE COMING OF CHRIST! IN THE PLACE OF GODS PROMISES, THESE COUNTERFEITS PUT “ ***CUNNINGLY DEvised FABLES*** “ (2 PETER 1 VS 16) THAT ROBBED THE BELIEVERS OF THEIR BLESSED HOPE.

FABLES - - **MANUFACTURED STORIES** THE WORD OF GOD WARNS US ABOUT FABLES , TELLS US :

A. **DO NOT HEED TO THEM** (1 TIM 1 VS 4)

B. **REFUSED THEM** (1 TIM 4 VS 7)

PAUL ALSO WARNS THE CHURCH ABOUT FABLES (2 TIM 4 VS 4)

JESUS AND HIS GLORY

1. **AT BETHLEHEM** - HE DID NOT DISPLAY HIS GLORY OPENLY (ISA 53 VS 2) HE HAS NO FORM NOR COMLINESS; AND WHEN WE SHALL SEE HIM, THERE IS NO BEAUTY THAT WE SHOULD DESIRE HIM

2. **MIRACLES** – EVEN THESE WERE PRIMARILY FOR THE SAKE OF THE DISCIPLES

PETER WAS AN EYEWITNESS, AND HE ALSO HEARD THE VOICE OF THE FATHER. YOU AND I ARE NOT EYE WITNESSES OF THE TRANSFIGURATION. PETER WAS THERE AND HE FAITHFULLY RECORDED WHAT HE SAW AND WHAT HE HEARD FOR US IN THIS LETTER WHICH WAS INSPIRED BY SPIRIT GOD.

PROBLEM WITH EXPERIENCES

EXPERIENCES FADE, BUT THE WORD OF GOD REMAINS !

EXPERIENCES ARE SUBJECTIVE , THE WORD OF GOD IS OBJECTIVE.

EXPERIENCES MAY BE INTERPRETED IN DIFFERENT WAYS BY DIFFERENT PARTICIPANTS, BUT THE WORD OF GOD GIVE ONE CLEAR MESSAGE.

WHAT WE REMEMBER ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCES CAN BE UNCOUNSCIOUSLY DISTORTED, BUT THE WORD OF GOD REMAINS THE SAME FOR EVER

WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM ?

APOSTATES – 2 PETER 2 VS 2 WERE TRYING TO TURN PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE WORD OF GOD TO DEEPER EXPERIENCES, THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THE WORD OF GOD. THEY USED TWO THINGS IN DOING SO:

1. **FEIGNED WORDS** (2 PETER 2 VS 3)
2. **DAMNABLE HERESIES** (2 PETER 2 VS 1)

IMPORTANT DOCTRINES THAT PETER AFFIRMED BY REMINDING HIS READERS OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

1. **JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD**
2. **THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES**
3. **THE REALITY OF GODS KINGDOM**
4. **SUFFERING AND GLORY GO TOGETHER**

CLOSE :PETER COULD NOT SHARE HIS EXPERIENCE WITH US, BIT HE COULD SHARE THE RECORD OF THE EXPERIENCE SO THAT WE COULD HAVE IT PERMANENTLY IN THE WORD OF GOD. WE WERE NOT ON THE MT. OF TRANSFIGURATION BUT WE CAN BENEFIT FROM THAT EXPERIENCE AS WE MEDITATE ON IT AND PERMIT THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO REVEAL THE GLORIES OF JESUS CHRIST. ***EXPERIENCES FADE, BUT THE WORD OF GOD REMAINS!***

