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2 PETER 1 VS 12-15

“ WAKE UP AND REMEMBER “

PART ONE

¹² For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. ¹³ Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*, ¹⁴ knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. ¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. (NKJ)

INTRO: THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST FALSE TEACHING IS : **TRUE LIVING** . A CHURCH FILLED WITH GROWING CHRISTIANS VIBRANT IN THEIR FAITH IS NOT LIKELY TO FALL PREY TO APOSTATES WITH TEIR COUNTERFEIT CHRITIANITY. BUT THIS CHRISTIAN LIVING MUST BE BASED ON THE WORD OF GOD. FALSE TEACHERS FIND IT EASY TO SEDUCE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEIR BIBLE BUT WHO ARE DESIROUS OF EXPERIENCES WITH THE LORD. IT IS A DANGEROUS THING TO BUIL ON SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCES ALONE AND IGNORE OBJECTIVE REVELATION. IN THE FIRST HALF OF SECOND PETER I, HE DISCUSSES CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCES, HOWEVER IN THIS LAST HALF OF THIS EPISTLE HE WILL DISCUSS THE REVELATION WE HAVE IN THE WORD OF GOD. HIS PURPOSE WAS TO SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING THE WORD OF GOD AND RELYING ON IT COMPLETELY. THE CHRISTIAN WHO KNOWS WHAT HE BELIEVES AND WHY HE BELIEVES IT WILL RARELY BE SEDUCED BY FALSE TEACHERS AND THEIR DEVIIOUS DOCTRINES.

WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS SECTION WE WILL FIND THAT PETER PROVES THE DEPENDABILTY AND DURABILITY OF THE WORD OF GOD BY CONTRASTING SCRITPURE WITH :

A. **MEN**

B. **EXPERIENCES**

C. **WORLD**

THE FIRST THING PETER POINTS OUT IS THE SIMPLE FACT THAT :

I. MEN DIE , BUT THE WORD LIVES (vs 12-15) THROUGH THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE APOSTLES AND THE PROPHETS, THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH WAS LAID.

EPHESIANS 2 VS 20 ... BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND THE PROPHETS, WHICH CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF IS THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE- AND WE IN THE LATER GENERATIONS ARE

BUILDING ON THAT FOUNDATION, HOWEVER THE MEN WERE NOT THE FOUNDATION , JESUS CHRIST IS THE :

1. **FOUNDATION** (I COR 3 VS 11) FOR NO OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID , WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST

2. **CHIEF CORNERSTONE** (EPH 2 VS 20) HE IS THE CHIEF CORNER STONE THAT TIES THE BUILDING TOGETHER

NOTE: IF THE CHURCH IS TO LAST, IT CAN NOT BE BUILT ON MERE MEN IT MUST BE BUILT ON THE SON OF GOD

OBSERVATION: OUR LORD TOLD PETER WHEN HE WOULD DIE, HOW HE WOULD DIE (JOHN 21 VS 18) JESUS PROPHECY OF PETERS DEATH – THIS IS WHY PETER COULD SLEEP WHILE HE WAS IN PRISON THE NIGHT BEFORE HE SCHEDULED TO BE KILLED, HE KNEW THAT HEROD COULD NOT TAKE HIS LIFE (ACTS 12 VS 1) LIKE ALL OF GOD’S FAITHFUL SERVANTS , PETER WAS IMMORTAL UNTIL HIS WORK WAS DONE.

THREE MOTIVES WHY PETER WROTE THIS LETTER

1. **OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST COMMAND** (VS 12) “ I WILL NOT BE NEGLIGENT “

LUKE 22 VS 32 ... “ WHEN THOU ARE CONVERTED “ JESUS SAID TO PETER “ STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHREN “ . PETER HAD A MINISTRY TO FULFILL !

2. **RIGHT THING TO DO** (VS 13) “ I THINK IT IS RIGHT “ – IT IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO STIR UP THE SAINTS AND REMIND THEM OF THE WORD OF GOD!

3. **ENDEAVOR** (VS 15) “ I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE “ . PETER KNEW THAT HE WOULD SOON DIE AND HE WANTED TO BE FAITHFUL TO HIS SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE IT WAS TO LATE . YOU AND I DO NOT KNOW WHEN WE WILL DIE, SO WE BETTER START TO BE DILIGENT TODAY.

WHAT WAS IT THAT PETER WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH ?

HE WANTED THE SAINTS TO REMEMBER (2 PETER 1 VS 13, 15) PETER WANTED TO IMPRESS HIS READERS MINDS WITH THE WORD. “ I THINK IT MEET ... TO STIR YOU UP BY PUTTING YOU IN REMEBRANCE “. THE WORD STIR IS USED TO DESCRIBE A STORM ON THE SEA OF GALILEE (JOHN 6 VS 18). THE WORD MEANS TO :

A. **AWAKEN**

B. **AROUSE**

PETER KNEW OUR MINDS HAVE A TENDENCY TO GET ACCUSTOMED TO THE TRUTH AND THEN TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. WE FORGET WHAT WE OUGHT TO REMEMBER AND REMEMBER WHAT WE OUGHT TO FORGET! THE READERS OF THIS LETTER KNEW THE TRUTH AND WHERE “ ESTABLISHED “ IN IT BUT THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WOULD :

A. REMEMBER IT

B. APPLY IT

WHO IS TO REMIND THE BELIEVER OF THE LESSONS ALL READY LEARNED

HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 14 VS 26)

NOTE : SOME FOLKS GET UPSET WHEN THE PREACHER PREACHES THE SAME MESSAGE OVER AGAIN BUT THIS PRINCIPLE IS BIBLICAL (PHIL 3 VS 1)

PETER KNEW HE WAS GOING TO DIE, SO HE WANTED TO LEAVE BEHIND SOMETHING THAT WOULD NEVER DIE- THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD. HIS TWO EPISTLES HAVE MINISTERED TO GENERATIONS SINCE HE HAS BEEN MOVED OFF THE SCENE. ***MEN DIE, BUT THE WORD LIVES ON !***

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IS ALWAYS ONE GENERATION AWAY FROM EXTINCTION. IF THERE WERE NO DEPENDABLE WRITTEN REVELATION , WE WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON WORD OF MOUTH TRADITIONS. (SAMARITAN WOMAN) .

EXAMPLE: “ GOSSIP GAME “

BELEIVERS

1. DO NOT THE TRADITIONS OF DEAD MEN

2. WE DEPEND ON TRUTH OF THE LIVING WORD

WHY ? BECAUSE “ ***MEN DIE, BUT THE WORD LIVES FOREVER*** “

IF WE DID NOT HAVE A DEPENDABLE WRITTEN WORD REVELATION, THE CHURCH WOULD BE AT THE MERCY OF MENS MEMORIES. PEOPLE WHO PRIDE THEMSELVES AT HAVINE A GOOD MEMORY SHOULD SIT ON THE STAND IN A COURTROOM. IT IS AMAZING HOW THREE PERFECTLY HONEST WITNESSES CAN, WITH A GOOD CONSCIENCE GIVE THREE DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS OF A CAR ACCIDENT. OUR MEMORIES ARE DEFECTIVE AND SELECTIVE . WE USUALLY REMEMBER WHAT WE SHOULD FORGET AND FORGET WHAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER AND WE OFTEN DISTORT EVEN THAT.

WHY WE CAN DEPEND ON THE WORD OF GOD

1. IT IS WRITTEN, AND IT STANDS FOREVER

2. WE CAN BE SAVED BY IT

3. WE CAN BE NURTURED BY IT

4. WE CAN BE GUIDED AND PROTECTED BY IT AS WE A. TRUST IT B. OBEY IT