

Lesson 11 – November 13
2 Peter 1:12-21

With Trust

Rome

Our Living Hope

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Peter's Last Farewell

- 1. *LIVE* Your Eternal Life
- ★ 2. Until the Morning Star Rises
- 3. False Prophets—Dog Vomit
- 4. Look for the New Heaven

Lesson Author's Theme

**God's Word is trustworthy
in all ways.**

2 Peter 1

12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

16-18 Eyewitness – Saw His Majestic Glory

19-21 Written by God – Morning Star Rises



Key Verse 2 Peter 1:19

So we have the prophetic word
strongly confirmed.

You will do well to pay attention to it,
as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until
the Day Dawns and the

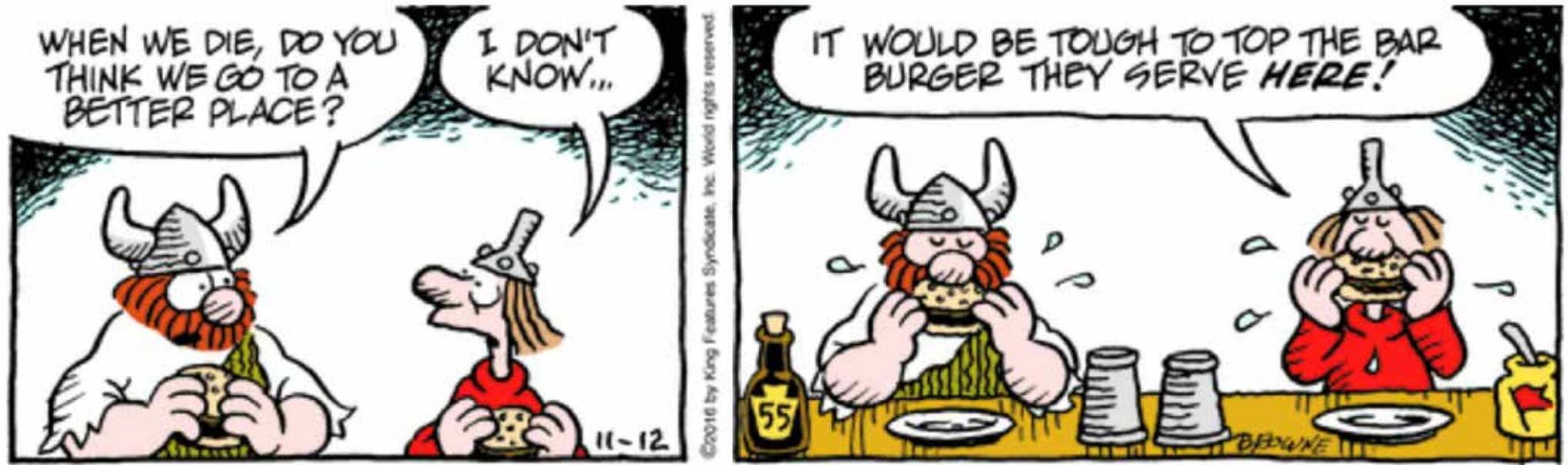
**Morning Star Rises
in Your Hearts.**

Alternate Title
Peter's Last Farewell
Part Two

**Until the Morning Star
Rises in Your Hearts**



Hagar the Horrible on the Afterlife



No ... this is **NOT** our *Living Hope*



Legend says...



When you can't sleep at night, it's because you're awake in someone else's dream.

So if everyone could stop dreaming about me, that'd be great.

Many a legend ...

Many a myth has sprung from the night sky

Some say that a Full Moon causes some people
to go nuts ... many officers in prison will testify

Some believe astrology and your Zodiac tendencies

Peter will counter ancient myths shortly

What we **know** ... is that our **Living Hope** includes

Christ Coming as the Morning Star

2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

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¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder, ¹⁴knowing that I will soon lay aside my tent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has also shown me. ¹⁵And I will also make every effort that you may be able to recall these things at any time after my departure.

Last Farewell indeed ... tender and solicitous ...

THEREFORE ... I will always remind you ...

vs. 19, pay attention ... until the **Morning Star**
rises in your hearts ...

THEREFORE ... based upon the essence of verses 1-11

2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

12 Therefore I will always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are established in the truth you have.

THEREFORE ... I will always remind you ...

✓ vs. 1 ... you received a FAITH of equal status as ours

THEREFORE ... *remind you* ...

✓ vs. 3 ... By God's divine power received EVERYTHING needed to grow in "born-again knowledge"

✓ vs. 4 ... Precious Promises—Participating in God's Eternal Life

✓ v. 5-10 ... if you add to your FAITH ... LOVE,
your "born-again knowledge" will increase
and you *will NOT* stumble

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THEREFORE ... I will always remind you ...

- ✓ vs. 11, with “born-again knowledge” you’ll be **RICHLY** supplied in route to the Eternal Kingdom

THEREFORE ... I will always remind you ...



- ✓ vs. 13 ... **KNOWING** that I’ll be **KILLED** soon
- ✓ vs. 16 ... no Looney Myths followed—we were **EYEwitnesses**
- ✓ vs. 17 ... **KNOWING** I, PETER, heard the voice from heaven
- ✓ vs. 19 ... **KNOWING** the prophetic messages are true, very true
- ✓ vs. 20-21 ... knowing **ABOVE ALL**, ALL Scripture is from God

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Pay Attention ...

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Peter's continues
his stupendous
Last Farewell

2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

THEREFORE ... I will always remind you ... you ... you

- Faith of Equal Status
- Divine Power Supplying
- “Born-again Knowledge”
- Precious Promises
- Participation in God’s Eternal Life
- Add FAITH ... LOVE ...
increasing, no thee stumble
- Entrance into **Eternal Kingdom**
RICHLY Supplied ...

Where we’ve been


Where we’re going ...

- Knowing I’ll die soon
- We were EYE witnesses
- Heard Voice from Heaven
- Prophetic Messages True
- Scriptures from God
- **Pay attention ...**
- **Until the Morning Star**
Rises in Your Hearts

*continues his Stupendous
Last Farewell*

2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

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Reminds them ... yes ... Peter will **REMIN**D them ...

However, notice ... look and see ...

The beloved Christians in Asia Minor and Galatia were **GOOD**

They were **ESTABLISHED** ... in the **TRUTH**

Critical to this whole letter ... these were **NOT** children

- ✓ These were **NOT** ignorant
- ✓ These were **LOVED** and **STUDIOUS**
- ✓ These were **LOVED** and **LEARNED** and **ESTABLISHED** disciples

2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

¹² Therefore I will always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are established in the truth you have.

✓ LOVED and LEARNED and ESTABLISHED

✓ Like us, here at
FBC Woodville

✓ Thank God
for our fellowship

✓ Thank God
for our *Living Hope*



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In 2 Peter 3:15-16, Peter said he's read St. Paul's "letters" though, "There are some things in them that are hard to understand."

LOVE Peter ... some in Paul "hard to understand"—*yeah!*

2 Cor. 5:8, NIV, Paul said, "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

KJV, New Living, ESV, Berean, Douay-Rheims, Darby, NAS, ASV, "rather be away/absent from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home/present with the Lord."



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“Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of all?”
asked the Evil Queen in Snow White ...

Magic Mirror CANNOT lie ... Evil Queen was fairest
until Snow White grew a little

I have NEWS for you ... good news ...

Who you are as a person ...

is NOT necessarily who you see in the mirror



2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

Jesus said now FAMOUS words to one thief on a cross
“**TODAY** you will be with me in **Paradise**”

We not only age, but LIFE happens and ...

We get scarred by this and that ...

Sometimes we get BURNED ... badly ...

By accident or by traitor ... some lose their nose
an arm ... a leg ...

Oh, “Mirror, mirror on the wall ...”— *sometimes*
I do NOT like you ... you truth-telling beast!

But, one day, I shall be with **HIM in Paradise**

This TENT will be gone ... I shall be clothed *immortal*



2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

Peter opens his HEART, *knowing* his days are *FEW*

“Mirror, mirror on the wall ... who is the fairest of ALL”

Peter hears a voice from heaven ... *in his heart*

Weathered wrinkles from decades on the sea

Weathered wrinkles from FAITHLESS friends

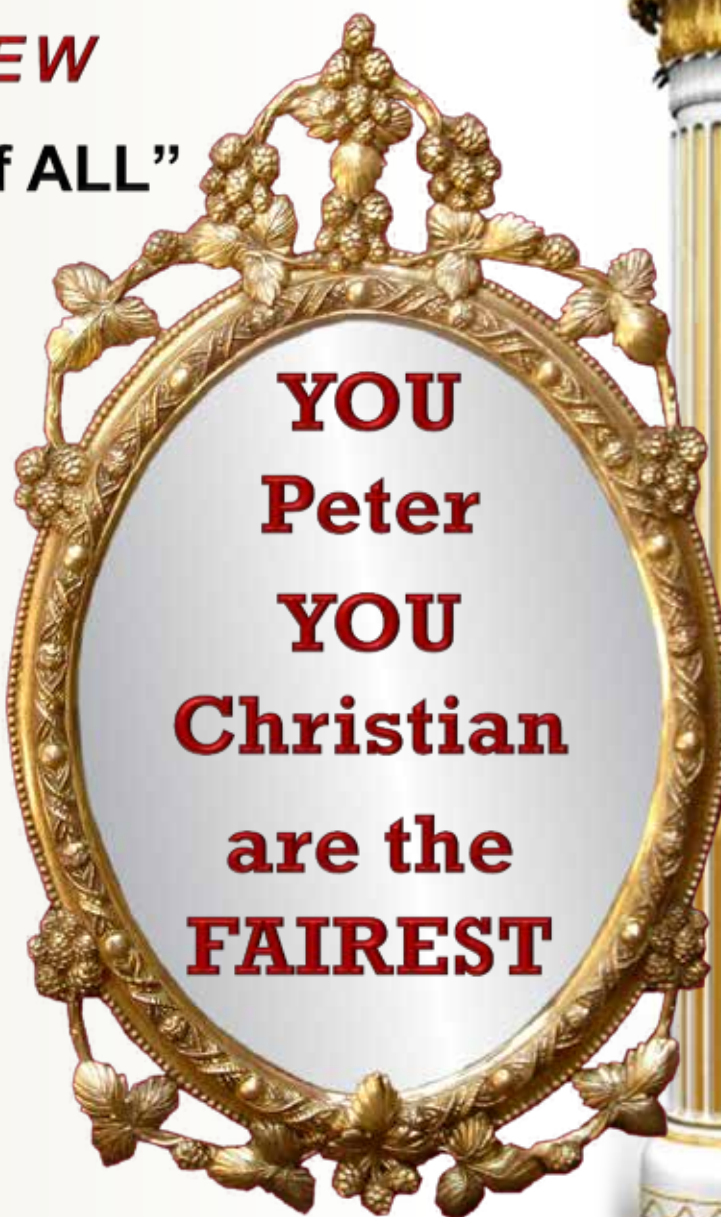
Broken heart from Friends turned Traitors ...

➤ PAIN for those he LOVES being BEATEN

➤ PAIN for those he LOVES being BURNED

➤ PAIN of NEVER seeing Asia Minor again

so Peter writes them his *LAST FAIRWELL*



**YOU
Peter
YOU
Christian
are the
FAIREST**

2 Peter 1:12-15 Needed Reminders – Going Home Soon

Peter opens his HEART, *knowing* his days are *FEW*

“Mirror, mirror on the wall ... who is the fairest of ALL”

Hah ... the mirror *DECEIVES* most of *ALL* ...

For we ALL shall put *OFF* this TENT one day

Made whole and new ... risen up

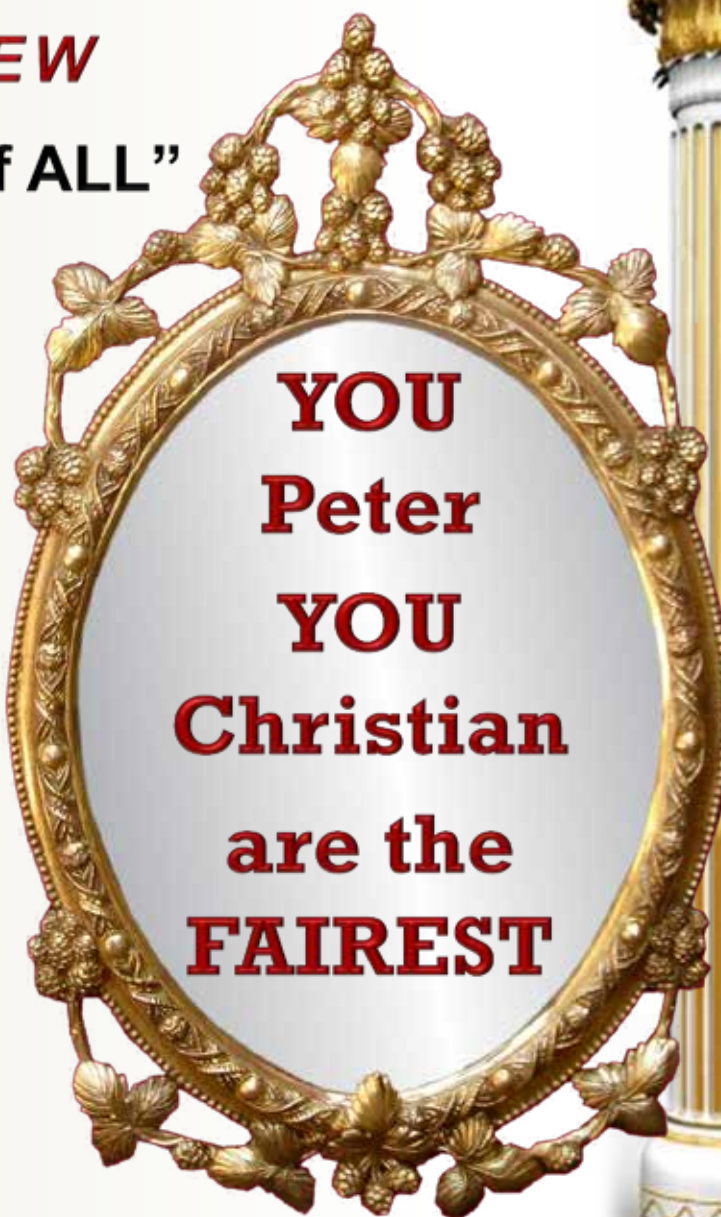
The corrupted will put on the *incorruptible*

This mortal tent GONE ...

This mortal shall put on *immortality*

Peter KNOWS ... his *TENT* is *NOT* that important

our *TENT* is *NOT* that important



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Peter shall LAY ASIDE his TENT as *his* and *our*
Lord Jesus Christ had shown him

What shall Peter say ?????

What is the MOST IMPORTANT thing he can give?

Peter shall give his Christian Family an **ANCHOR**

Something that **CANNOT FALTER** in the storm

Something that will **NOT** break under pressure



2 Peter 1:16-18 Eyewitnesses – Saw His Majestic Glory

Stupendous words ... Peter gives them so gently
HIGH words ... Peter tenders to them as though
there were his own family and children
even as they were *dear* his brothers & sisters!

Words higher than ALL the mountains ...

Peter had a LOT of credentials in his resume ...

Peter – had *walked on water* and healed the lame

Peter – witnessed *crucifixion*

Peter – saw *miracles*, was made an **APOSTLE**

Peter – beaten, jailed, *freed by an angel*

Peter had a FULL résumé



St. Peter with Keys to Heaven
by Peter Paul Rubens, 1616

2 Peter 1:16-18 Eyewitnesses – Saw His Majestic Glory

For his Last Farewell ... Peter pulls out the big guns
Of many great things on his resume, one is HIGHEST
To his dearly beloved, Peter gives his best

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory:

**This is My beloved Son.
I take delight in Him!**

¹⁸ And we heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-18 Eyewitnesses – Saw His Majestic Glory

Peter's highest point ... the ***Transfiguration!***

He got to see Jesus RECEIVE Honor and Glory from GOD
God the Father, the Creator ... ***he the eyewitness***

Peter, James and John ... saw Jesus with Moses and Elijah

Some say, this ***CERTIFIED*** Jesus' fulfillment of both

➤ Law ... represented in Moses

➤ Prophecy ... represented in Elijah

Only Peter notes that Jesus ***received*** “honor and glory”

Only Peter called God the “***Majestic Glory***”

More than a TOP resume item—*only three on earth*

This was an EXPERIENCE ... an EVENT



2 Peter 1:16-18 Eyewitnesses – Saw His Majestic Glory

Peter, James and John got to SEE Christ's glory
Before the Resurrection ... a GLORY bestowed upon Christ
Then they HEARD the voice of God ...

**This is My beloved Son.
I take delight in Him!**

For Peter, James and John ... like the Apostle Paul later
This was a SHOCKING event ... undeniable
Life-changing event ... YOU NEVER FORGET
Far from bragging, Peter has a REASON for sharing
These **ESTABLISHED** beloved Christians
NEED a solid ETERNAL anchor ...

2 Peter 1:19-21 Written by God – Morning Star Rises

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed. You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰ First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Peter gives them an anchor to life—the Word of God **CONFIRMED**
ESTABLISHED Christians should be **MADE IMPREGNABLE**
Of all the contraries in life—God's Word is **TRUTH**

God's Word Reliable—**God's Word Absolutely Certain**

Let all men be liars and God be *TRUE*



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Peter closes this section ... before slamming False Teachers explaining the fuller nature of prophecy and Scripture

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Lot of ways looking this ... the essence is

- ✓ Scripture prophecy NOT from men**
- ✓ Scripture NOT from WILL of men**
- ✓ Scripture from men MOVED by God**

Another passage unique to Peter ... critical to doctrine on Bible

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Not from the Will of Man ... but by the Will of God *MOVING* Men

Term “moved” is as the wind “moves” along a ship on the sea

Kindred Scripture on itself are scattered throughout

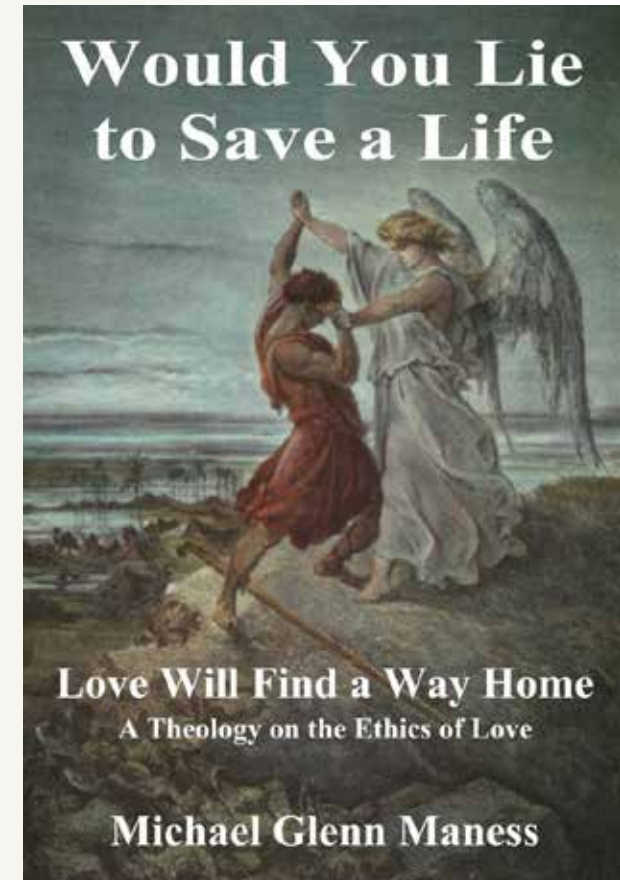
2 Tim. 3:16-17, **All Scripture is God-breathed ...**
useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and
training in righteousness, so that the
servant of God may be thoroughly
equipped for every good work.

Psalm 119 ... too!!



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1. Love's Gauntlet—the USS *Pueblo* History
 2. Love and Ethics Mulched by WWJD
 3. Love and Evil Rain—Endure
 4. Love's Unchanging and Universal Parts
 5. Love Is Absolute *i.e., always "right" to do*
 6. Love's 1st Foundation—Simplicity
 7. Love's 2nd Foundation—Ethical "Duty" From God
 8. Love's 3rd Foundation—Morality Natural
 9. Love's 4th Foundation in Time
 10. Love—a Human Struggle with Time
 11. Love, Lying, and Truth
 12. Love Struggles to Find a Way
 13. Love Masters the Teleological in Time
 14. Love's Uncharted Islands of Responsibility
 15. Love Will Find a Way
- Epilogue—Love's Gold Train *through* Time



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Hermeneutics – Science of Bible Interpretation

How do you interpret the Bible?

- ✓ All is from God ... original autographs “right”
- ✓ All consistent—if confusing, our fault, not God’s
- ✓ No passage will ultimately conflict with another
- ✓ Beloved Christians were established ... yet, sadly, *persecution was happening ... killing Christians ...*

How do you make a choice when the
Absolutely “Right” Choice eludes you?

Peter says: “Pay attention to the God’s **CONFIRMED** Word”

- then**
- ✓ Seek First the Kingdom of God
 - ✓ Do unto others as you would have done to you, etc.



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6. Love's 1st Foundation—Simplicity

Love is simple. One does *not* need schooling to enjoy Love's best riches, and at times schooling will distract from Love.

The very moment you turn from Loving to the analysis of Love, like from the viewing of Mt. Everest to the analysis of the rock, you lose some perspective. Analysis of life is complex, but not so much the LIVING of LIFE; we *cannot* enjoy the majesty ... the infinity of moods of Mt. Everest and analyze the rock at the *same* time.

Love – and Scripture ... a simplicity

Think of *walking* down the street *whistling*

SKILL in walking we NATURALLY enjoy

Explain physics & biology—we might choke on our whistle



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7. Love's 2nd Foundation—Ethical “Duty” From God

1. Who God *IS* Comes First from God—*revealed* by God
 2. Consistent Nature of God
 3. Origin and Unity of Truth—God is Always Right
- Herein—Character is the SUM of virtues



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8. Love's 3rd Foundation—Morality Natural

Good portion of what is “**RIGHT**” is **NATURAL** ... like walking
CARE and Duty and “**WHAT'S FAIR**”—we **ALL** know
Chuck Swindoll said “**attitude is everything.**”

Maness: “**Even when you do not want to or feel like it, *being* like Christ is—yes, yes—more *like* Christ than if you simply acted any old way or acted out of control**” (p. 209).

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Perhaps Love – by John Denver

Perhaps Love is like a resting place,
a shelter from the storm;
It exists to give you comfort,
it is there to keep you warm....

Perhaps Love is like a **window**, perhaps an **OPEN DOOR**,
It invites you to come closer, it wants to show you more.

And even if you lose yourself and don't know what to do,
The memory of Love will see you through....

Perhaps Love is like the ocean,
full of conflict, full of pain,
Like a fire when it's cold outside,
thunder when it rains....



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Perhaps Love – by John Denver continued

Some say Love is holding on and
some say letting go;
Some say Love is everything and
some say they don't know.

Perhaps Love is like the mountains,
full of conflict, full of change,
Like a fire when it's cold outside,
thunder when it rains.

If I should live forever,
and all my dreams come true,
My memories of Love will be of you.

Toward the end, Peter shares his memories of Christ



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9. Love's 4th Foundation in TIME

- ✓ Since every choice comes from a **UNIQUE** person and every situation is **UNIQUE**—*Every choice is UNIQUE*
- ✓ Every **CHOICE** involves the **FUTURE** ...
- ✓ In order to “Seek First the Kingdom” & “Do unto Others” each of us *MUST* consider the **FUTURE consequences**
- ✓ Therefore, **SOME (?)—SOME**—“**Consideration of the future**” will determine **SOME** of the “**RIGHTNESS**” of the choice



“Love—Best of Love is affected by our Hope in Heaven.”

Maness, *Would You Lie to Save a Life*, p.259

What IS our Living Hope? ... our Future Hope of

Heaven in Eternal LOVE

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Our Living Hope ... all based upon

¹⁹So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed.

CONFIRMED to Peter, an eyewitness, on a Holy Mountian

You will DO WELL to PAY ATTENTION TO IT, as to a LAMP shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.

Pay ATTENTION to the impregnable, irrefutable Word of God

Just as 2 Timothy 2:15 says

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Peter 1:19-21 Written by God – Morning Star Rises

You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.



**PAY ATTENTION to the WORD ... confirmed by no less than
Peter's own eyewitness to God giving Glory to Christ
in the presence of Moses and Elijah ...**

**As to a LAMP shining in a dismal place ... this dark world
Until what? ... the day dawns and the
Morning Star rises in your hearts**

No greater wish has Peter ...

No greater encouragement ... than to

Anchor ALL to the Word of God

2 Peter 1:19-21 Written by God – Morning Star Rises

You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.

Thus anchored ... with a Living Hope ...

Until the Morning Star Rises in your Hearts

Morning Star ... from which we get our word “phosphorus”

Morning Star ... the light that DAWNS after darkness

Morning Star ... the night runs away as the sun rises

Morning Star ... dark, hopeless soul brightens as the SON rises

Morning Star ... the SON, the LIGHT of the World ...

Morning Star ... on the last day, Christ Returns ... first in our hearts



Until the day dawns and Morning Star Rises in Your Hearts

Christ breaks the clouds
Our Hearts will KNOW
ALL eyes will see HIM
Every knee will bow ...
New Day will Dawn ...
Christ comes for his own
And we are taken up

2 Peter 1:19-21 Written by God

You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.



Yet ... for a little while longer

Dreaded DARKNESS still pervades the air

The Spiritual Realm so real ... elusive

Pay attention to the Word of God ...

The only sure LAMP shining ... unstoppable ... true

In Chapter 2 ... False Teachers ...

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

by Edmund Sears, 1849, pastor in Wayland, Massachusetts

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold!**

**Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world hath suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;**



Angel Appearing to the Shepherds, 1634
etching by Rembrandt

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

by Edmund Sears, 1849, pastor in Wayland, Massachusetts

**And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the Age of Gold;**

**When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.**



Angel Appearing to the Shepherds, 1634
etching by Rembrandt

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Yet ... for a little while longer

Dreaded DARKNESS ... still pervades OUR own AIR

Even these 2,000 years later ...

We ... wait ... pray ... love ... serve ...

Spiritual Realm still oppresses ...

Pay attention to the *confirmed* Word of God ...

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Pay Attention to God's Word

Until into Our Heart

***THE* Morning Star Rises**