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I Peter 1:10-12

“Prophets, Preachers, & A God Given Message, Things Angels Long To Look Into”

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION

“The whole New Testament gospel rests on the Spirit’s Old Testament testimony that was made through the Old Testament prophets. Cancel that testimony, and you remove the basis of the gospel of Christ. It was revealed to the prophets that their ministry was to be far grander than a ministry merely for themselves and for their time; it was a ministry for all of the future ages, for Peter’s readers as well as for us to this day.” *R. C. H. Lenski*

The prophets prophesied of what they knew; but not knowing when or even exactly how the things prophesied would go down, only that they would. This prophecy came by way of inspiration of the Spirit of Christ which is none other than the Holy Spirit.

The predictions regarding the coming of Christ and the fulfillment of the gospel makes us incredibly blessed to live in this time of grace.

Angels cannot experience the gospel as believers do. Angels are not recipients of redemption. OT prophets saw it from afar. Angels gaze upon salvation and what God has done in Christ. Believers today get to actually experience it. Amazing grace.

People sometimes wonder what the angels do, what they must be like. In a similar way angels, we are told here, wonder just what redemption of the human soul must be like. The angels look on with fascination into the effects of the gospel.

Application: In our pericope today the awesomeness of salvation is given from the viewpoint of the OT prophets. It is made clear that the Holy Spirit inspired the prophets to write about things they did not fully understand. Furthermore, the awesomeness of so great a salvation went forth from the NT apostles as they preached God breathed words of life. Even the angels wonder over this salvation that they will never be able to fully understand or partake in. The prophets long ago wrote and searched their own Spirit-guided writings because they longed to participate in this salvation we have in this period of grace that we are now living in. Our faith is not based upon the words of men; our faith has its authority founded in the written Word of God. Examine your life against the Truth of this God breathed message; are you saved? Are you living for God’s glory or your own? If not, let today be your turning point!