

Series: Add To Your Faith

# A MORE SURE WORD

2 PETER 1:15-21

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Introduction:

As we continue in the book of 2 Peter we are led to consider the Scriptures.

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<sup>15</sup> Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. <sup>16</sup> For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. <sup>18</sup> And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we

*were with him in the holy mount. <sup>19</sup> We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: <sup>20</sup> Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

We may say we love the Lord but if we do not give the attention to His Word that we ought to give, then our poor attitude toward scripture is evidence that we do not care for Christ as we should.

Note:

We would all agree that Christ has a name above all names.

***Psalm 8:1***

*<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.*

His name is above all names.

***Acts 4:12***

*<sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

There is no other name by which salvation is secured.

So again we all would agree that His name is above all names.

But note Psalms 138:2

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<sup>2</sup> *I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: **for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.***

Note:

## **1. THE SCRIPTURES ARE SURE (VS. 19)**

***2 Peter 1:19***

<sup>19</sup> *We have also **a more sure word** of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

What God's Word is true it is sure.

God's Word is also settled.

***Psalm 119:89***

<sup>89</sup> *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*

We see in this one verse:

The Perpetuation – “Forever”

The Place – “Heaven”

The Permanence – “Settled”

Notice not only the “Scriptures Are Sure” but also:

## **2. THE SCRIPTURES SHINE (VS. 19)**

### **2 Peter 1:19**

<sup>19</sup> *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

We live in a world of light and darkness.

When we find ourselves in a situation that we don't know what to do we need light.

If we do not have God's light we will try to do the best we can but that is always lacking.

### **Psalm 119:105**

<sup>105</sup> *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

- Light Points Our Direction (vs. 105-108)

**Psalm 119:105-108**

<sup>105</sup> *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.* <sup>106</sup> *I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.* <sup>107</sup> *I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.* <sup>108</sup> *Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.*

- Light Presents Our Defense (vs. 109-110)

**Psalm 119:109-110**

<sup>109</sup> *My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.* <sup>110</sup> *The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.*

- Light Provides Our Delight (vs. 111-112)

**Psalm 119:111-112**

<sup>111</sup> *Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.* <sup>112</sup> *I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.*

Notice not only the “Scriptures Are Sure” and the “Scripture Shine” but also:

### **3. THE SCRIPTURES ARE SPIRIT GIVEN (VS. 20-21)**

#### **2 Peter 1:20-21**

*<sup>20</sup> Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

The Bible didn't originate with man.

God has given His Word to man by divine revelation and it necessary for us to meditate, and memorize or hide it in our hearts.

#### **Matthew 4:4**

*<sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

Close:

Keep in mind what Peter is doing in writing these letters. He is making an attempt to strengthen the brethren.

He uses a word here that we too are dealing with today.

## **2 Peter 1:16**

<sup>16</sup> For we have not followed **cunningly devised fables**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Note Pauls warning to Timothy

## **2 Timothy 4:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. <sup>3</sup> **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;** <sup>4</sup> **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

Many today are following fables instead of the truth of God's Word.

What are we following today?

Are we allowing the Word of God to light our way, and direct our paths?