

2Peter

2Peter 1

- ¶1. Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. To those who have received with us the same precious faith in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:
2. Grace and peace be multiplied to you by the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
3. His divine power has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness by the knowledge of Him who called us through glory and virtue,
4. by which things, precious and great promises are given to us, so that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
5. And to this end, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue, knowledge,
6. and to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, patience, and to patience, godliness,
7. and to godliness, brotherly affection, and to brotherly affection, love.
8. For these things, being in you and abounding, make you neither slothful nor unfruitful in attaining to the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9. The one in whom these things are not present is blind, short-sighted, having forgotten the cleansing from his former sins.
10. Wherefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for in doing these things, you will never fall,
11. and so, the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ shall be abundantly provided to you.
- ¶12. Wherefore, I will not neglect to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.
13. And I consider it a righteous thing to stir you up by reminding you, as long as I am in this tabernacle,
14. knowing that the departure from my tabernacle is imminent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me.
15. Moreover, I will make every effort to see to it that after my departure, you always have these things in remembrance.
- ¶16. We did not follow cunningly fabricated myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; on the contrary, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
17. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, *saying*," This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."¹

¹ Mt. 3:17; Mk. 1:11; Lk. 3:22.

18. And this voice, we ourselves heard coming from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.²
19. And we have something more certain that was prophesied about, to which you will do well to give heed, as to a light shining in a gloomy place until the day breaks and the Morning Star rises in your hearts,
20. knowing this first, that no prophecy in Scripture is of man's own interpretation.
21. For no prophecy in the past came about by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the holy Spirit.

2Peter 2

- ¶1. But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will introduce opinions that lead to damnation, even denying the Lord who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
2. And many will follow them in licentious ways, because of whom the way of truth will be spoken evil of.
3. And in covetousness, they will exploit you with feigned words. For them, the ancient decree is not lingering, and their destruction is not asleep.
4. For if God spared not the angels who sinned, but tartarized them and consigned them to chains of blackness to be held until *the Day of Judgment*,
5. and *if He* did not spare the old world, but saved eight, *including* Noah, a preacher of righteousness, bringing a cataclysm upon the world of the ungodly,
6. and *if He* condemned to destruction the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah when He reduced them to ashes, providing an example for those who would be ungodly,
7. and rescued righteous Lot, who was vexed by the licentious conduct of the lawless
8. (for that righteous man, in what he saw and heard while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),
9. then the Lord knows how to deliver godly people from a trial and how to keep unrighteous people under punishment until the Day of Judgment,
10. but especially those who follow the flesh in a desire for defilement and despise government. Bold and self-willed, they do not tremble when speaking evil of authorities,
11. whereas angels, who are greater in might and power, do not bring a railing accusation against them before the Lord.
12. But these, like unreasoning beasts of nature, born to be caught and killed, speak evil of things they do not understand, and they will be destroyed in their destruction,
13. receiving the reward of unrighteousness. *They are* spots and blemishes, considering daily luxury a delight, reveling in their deceitful ways while they feast with you.

² Mt. 17:5; Mk. 9:7; Lk. 9:35.

14. Having eyes full of adultery and unable to cease from sin, seducing unstable souls, having a heart trained in covetousness, *they are* cursed children,
15. having forsaken the right way and gone astray in following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the reward of unrighteousness,
16. though he had been rebuked for his lawless conduct; a dumb ass, speaking with human voice, restrained the madness of the prophet.³
17. These are wells without water, clouds driven by a storm,⁴ for whom is reserved the blackness of eternal darkness.
18. Making pretentious, vain speeches, they entice to sensuality through lusts of the flesh those who once had truly escaped from those who live in error,
19. promising them liberty while they themselves are slaves of corruption. For by whatever one is overcome, to that is he also a slave.
20. For if after escaping the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, their last state is worse than the first.
21. It would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.
22. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A dog returns to his own vomit,⁵ and a washed sow to wallowing in the mud.”

2Peter 3

- ¶1. This second letter I am now writing to you, beloved, in both of which I am stirring up your pure minds by way of a reminder,
2. that you should remember the words spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,
3. knowing this first, that in the last days, scoffers shall come, walking after their own desires,
4. and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they have from the beginning of creation.”
5. But they deliberately ignore this, that by the Word of God, long ago, the heavens came to be and the earth came forth out of the water and through the water,
6. and by these *waters*, the world which existed then, being overwhelmed with water, was destroyed,
7. and by the same Word, the heavens and the earth which exist now are being kept in store, reserved for fire until the Day of Judgment and the damnation of ungodly men.

³ Num. 22:28–30.

⁴ Prov. 25:14.

⁵ Prov. 26:11.

- ¶8. This one thing do not let escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years, as one day.
9. The Lord of the promise is not slow, as some think of slowness, but waits patiently for us, not wanting any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.
10. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the elements, consumed with burning heat, will be destroyed, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
11. So then, seeing that all these things are to be destroyed, what kind of people ought you to be in all holy conduct and godliness,
12. looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens, being on fire, will be destroyed, and the elements, consumed with heat, will be dissolved?
13. But we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- ¶14. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.
15. And consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul has also written to you according to the wisdom given to him,
16. as also in all *his* letters when speaking in them about these matters, among which are some things hard to understand, which those who are ignorant and unstable twist to their own damnation, as they also do the other scriptures.
17. You, therefore, beloved, knowing this ahead of time, watch, lest being led astray by the deceit of lawless men, you fall from your own steadfastness.
18. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.