

Study Notes for 2 Peter 1 (Part 4) v12-21

- In **verses 12-15** Peter stresses remembering the basics that were already known by the recipients of his letter. Why do you think going back over what we already know was so important to Peter?
- What truths from God's Word do you think are most important to remember?
- What truths are we most prone to forget in terms of their importance?
- In **verse 15** Peter spoke of his soon "departure." (Greek: **exodos** - where we get our English word **exodus**.) What did he mean and why do you think he chose that word?
- Re-read **verse 16**. What assurance is Peter giving to his readers?
- It seems clear that "cleverly devised myths" were already quite popular among the people. (The Greek word, **muthoi**, refers to fables about gods, creation myths, miraculous happenings, and philosophical speculations.) Why do you think people gravitate to such things so easily?
- How can we respond to those skeptics who assert that the Bible itself is not much more than "cleverly invented stories"? If asked to "prove" the reliability of Scripture, what would you say?
- With all the different religions and philosophies that exist—each with its own prophets and scriptures—how can Christians claim to be right?
- How is the word of the prophets concerning Jesus like a "light shining in a dark place" (1:19)?
- In **verse 19** Peter uses the phrase "until the day dawns." What is he speaking of there?
- If someone asked you to explain biblical inspiration, what would you say and how would you use **verse 21** in your explanation.
- When modern-day prophets speak with a confidence like Peter's, how can you know if their confidence is true or false?
- Jesus asked Peter (and every would-be disciple) "**Who do you say I am?**" (Mark 8:29). Read through 2 Peter 1 again and make a list of everything Peter says about Jesus in this opening chapter.