



How Do We Know the Voice of God?

2 Peter 1:16-21

I. Context

- A. Knowledge is a major thrust of the book of 2 Peter
 - 1. 1.2-8; 3.15b – 18
 - 2. “knowledge” “knows” or “knowing” is used 12 times in 3 chapters
- B. Peter wants to build up the believers in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus before he dies that they may recall those truths and repel false teachers
 - 1. Jesus, Paul, & John said the same things being just before they died

II The Word of God is written by eyewitnesses

- A. Peter claims to have not made up the events he speaks of as he was an eyewitness
- B. He speaks of the Mt. of Transfiguration and how God audibly spoke to them as God the Father referenced God the Son and said of him “this is my beloved Son of whom I am well pleased.”

III. The Word of God is more sure than the events of God

- A. Peter moves from an instance where he heard the audible voice of God and he then claims that the Word of God is more sure than being at those actual events
- B. Most want to hear the voice of God audibly, but Peter says the Word of God is more sure than the events of God

IV. The Word of God has a single God given meaning

- A. “No prophecy of Scripture comes from one’s own interpretation”
- B. “But men spoke words from God guided by the Holy Spirit”
 - 1. God is not divided and He would not be duplicitous in His purposes in the words He had the author to write
 - 2. Because God wrote it, He provides the meaning
- C. The Word of God is the inspired by God (God Breathed – 2 Tim. 3.16)

V. The Word of God tells us what things mean

- A. The Word of God that tells us the meaning of the events of God
 - 1. If you don’t have the meaning to the events you are left with nothing but conjecture
 - 2. Had you been standing at the Mt. of Transfiguration and you had heard the voice of God, but you would not have known the sweeping truths that that event was testifying to
- D. Gods Word explains and interprets God’s world
- E. Because it does it is more sure than the events of the Biblical world

Three Practical Applications

- A. A church that heralds this word from God on a regular basis will create a vigilant voice into a sleeping generation
 - 1. If the Bible are the Words from God, then you should be meaningfully Involved in a church that gives you that word
- B. The Word of God trains us to know and follow the inflections of the voice of God
- C. It serves as a lamp to a darken world (2 Peter 1.19)
 - 1. Ultimately that lamp will not be needed as the Morning Star rises
 - 2. The Morning Star is Jesus (Rev. 22.16)
 - 3. After His return His glory will shine and there will be no need of a lamp as he rids the world of darkness completely (Rev. 21.22-27)

Questions

- 1. Why is it that Peter wants to impart proper knowledge and the warning of false teachers before he dies?
- 2. What is the apologetic strength of the author being an eyewitness to the events of Christ's life?
- 3. How it that Peter says that the Word of God is more sure than the events of God? Why is this significant?
- 4. Explain how multiple meanings of the same text contradicts 2 Peter 1.20-21
- 5. Why is it important to be meaningfully involved with the church regarding this issue?
- 6. How is it we can learn the inflections of the voice of God?
- 7. In what way does the Bible serve as a "lamp"?
- 8. Discuss the significance of the Morning Star and what implications that has upon "the lamp."

