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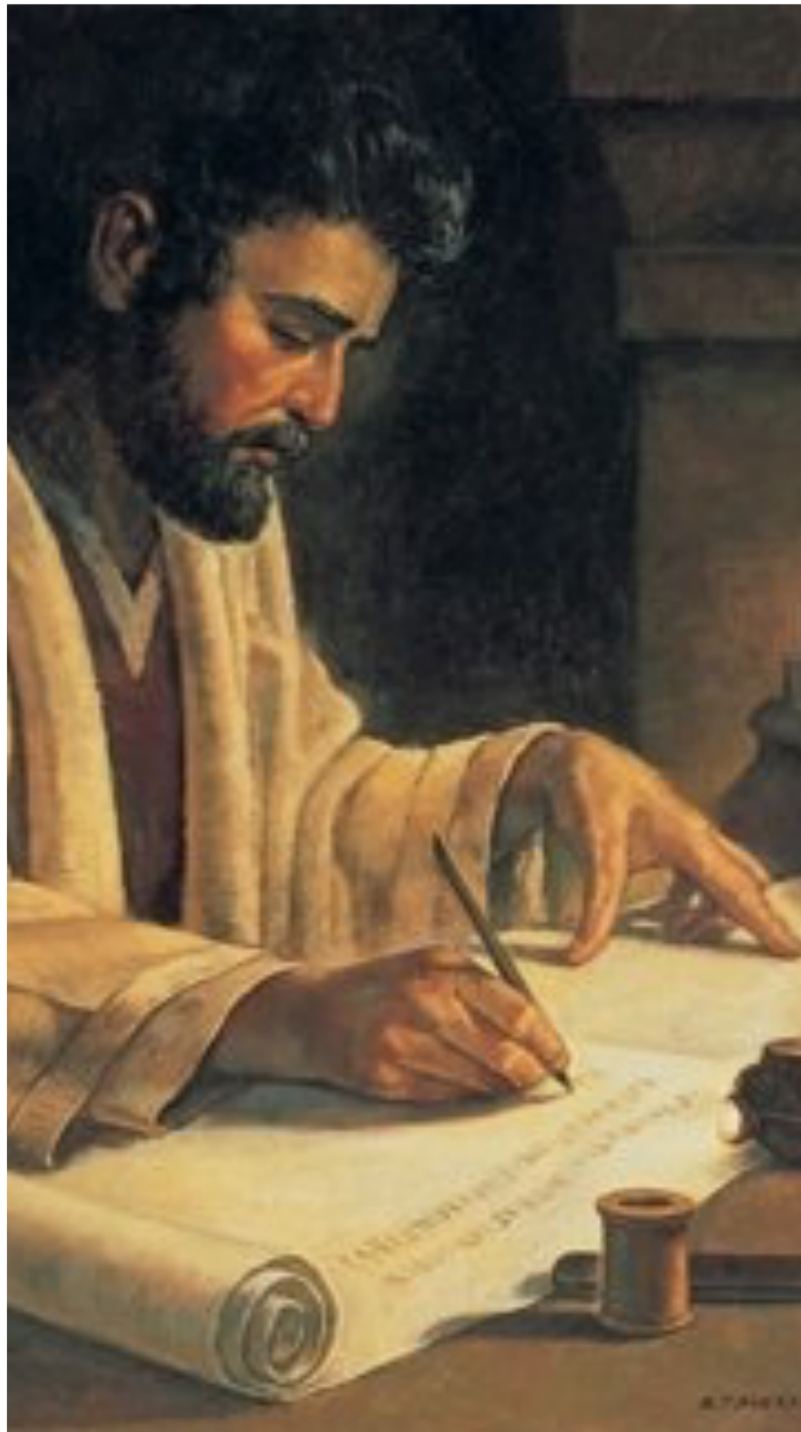
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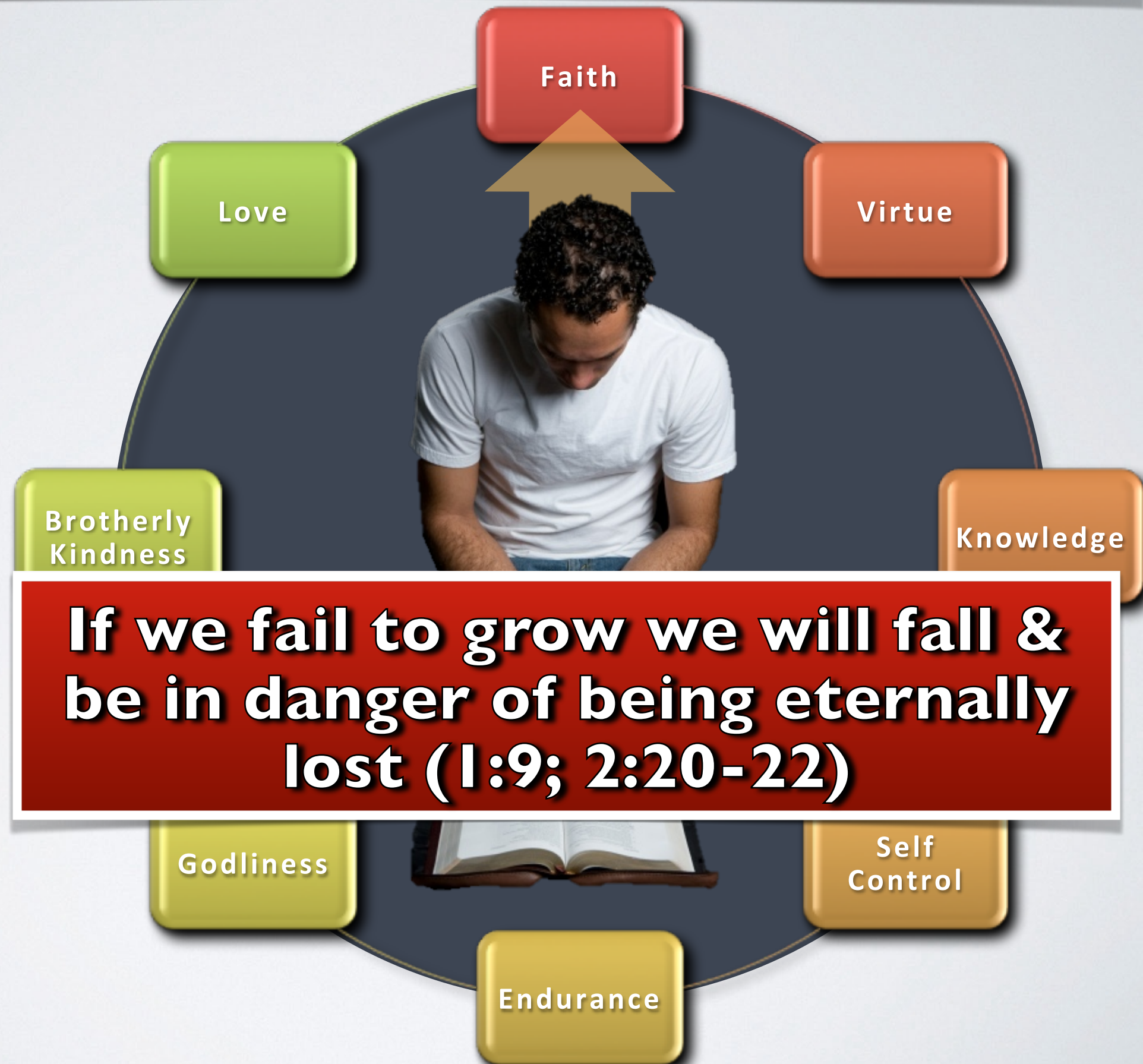
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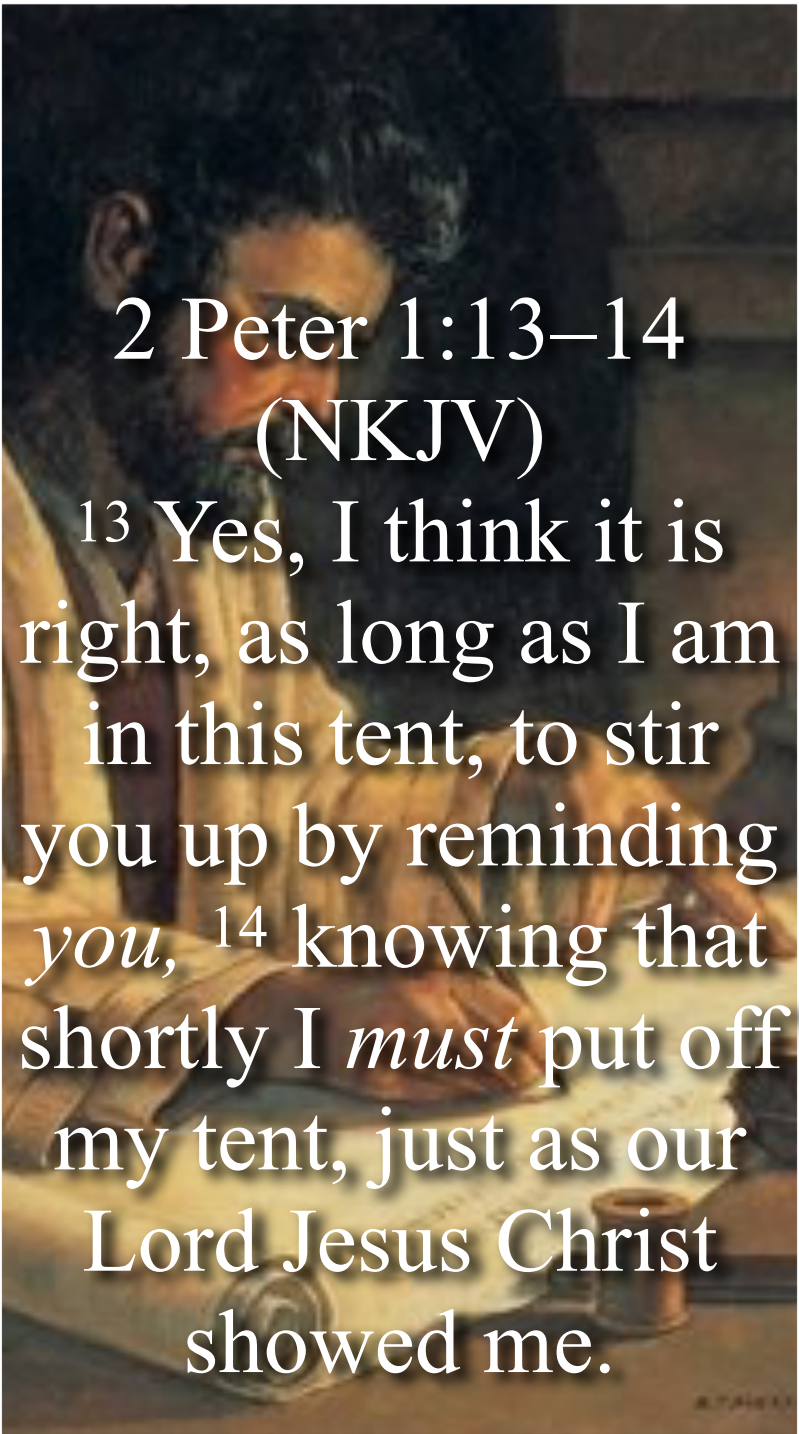


✦ **“I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things” (1:12)**

- The answer to false doctrine is not a new teaching, but a correct understanding of the old teaching God has revealed (Jer. 6:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; 2 Peter 3:1-2)
- When we grow weary of the “Old, Old Story,” we are witnessing a symptom of apostasy (Jer. 6:10; 2 Ch. 36:15, 16; 2 Ti. 4:3)
- Being “established” in the truth is important, but we all stand in danger of drifting away from the things we have heard (Heb. 2:1-4)

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2 Peter 1:13–14
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◆ “As long as I am in this tent” (1:13,14)

- “I think it is right” - Not merely his opinion, but to consider, (Vines), “to regard as particularly important,” (TDNT), etc. (3:15)
- “as long as I am in this tent” - Like the OT faithful, the apostles also saw themselves as pilgrims, merely temporary residents of this life (Hebrews 11:9-16; James 4:13-15)
- We need to be “stirred” by being reminded of what we know (12,15; Phil. 3:1; 1 Jn 2:21)
- “I *must* put off my tent” - necessarily implies man is more than flesh (2 Cor. 5:1-9)
- As our Lord showed me (John 21:18, 19)

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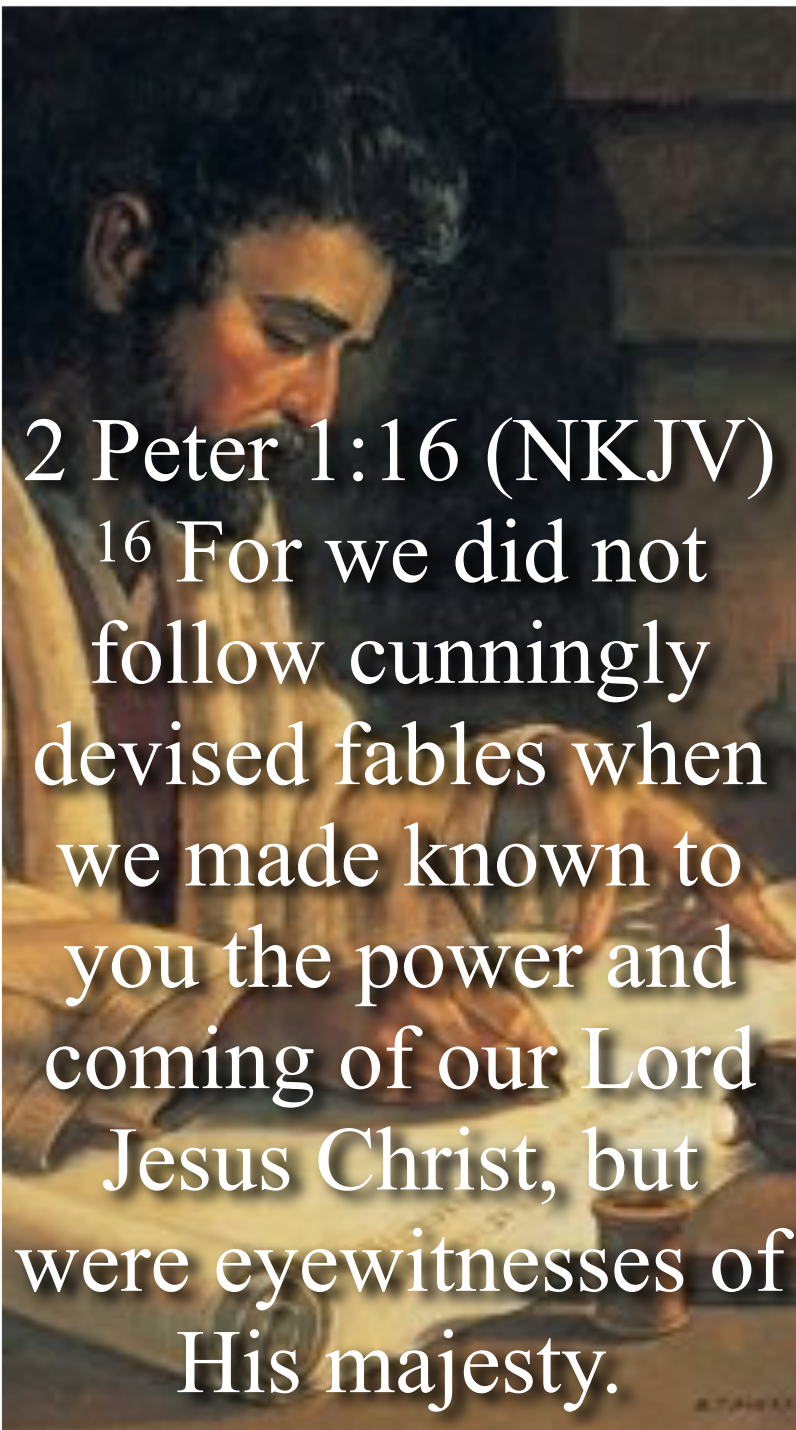
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❖ **“I will be careful to ensure” (1:15)**

- Peter would “make every effort” to furnish them with a lasting record of the truth given to Him. (I will endeavour [KJV] / I will also be diligent [NASB])
- The best way for Peter’s audience to remember these truths after his death, is for Peter to put them into writing. (Ex. 17:14; 34:27; Eph 3:3-5; 2 Tim 3:16,17)
- “After my decease” - lit. Lit. exodus. Peter knew he would “depart” from his body and this world at death and be with the Lord. (Ecc. 12:7; John 14:3; 1 Thes 4:17)

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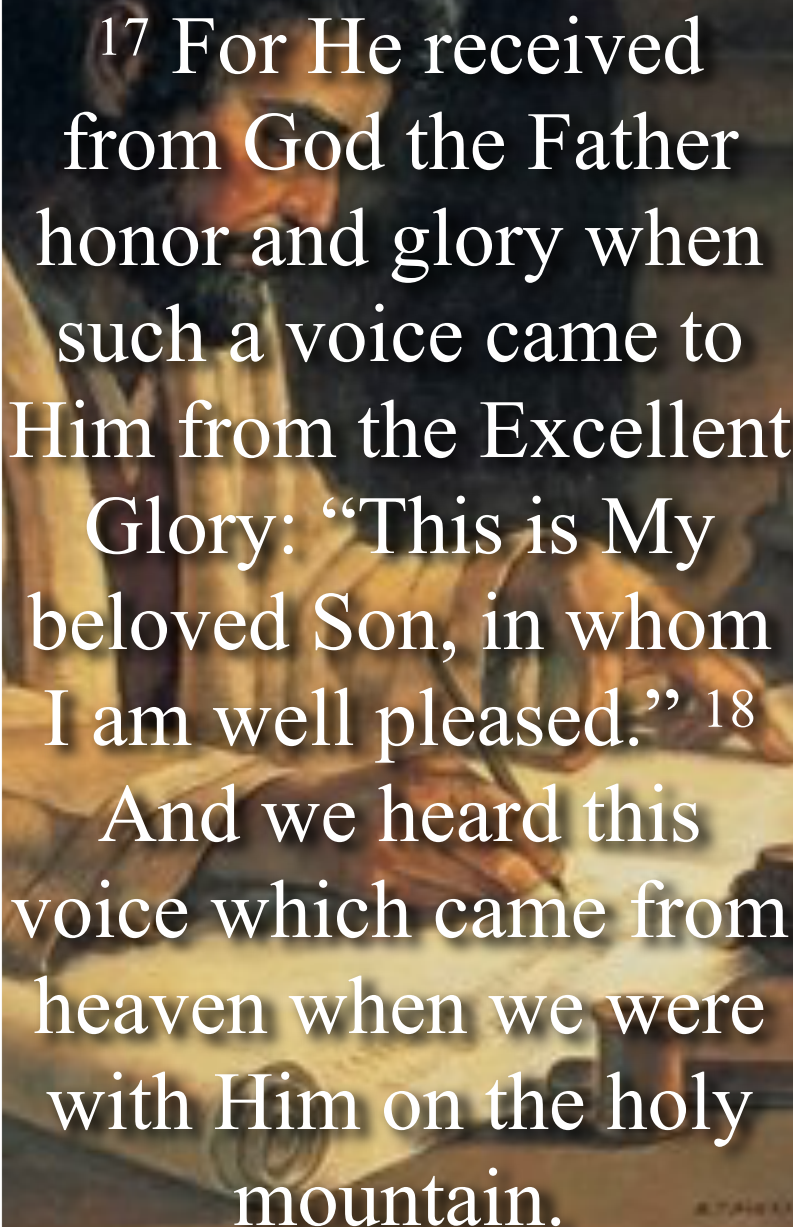
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- “For we” - Peter switches from ‘I’ (1:12, 13, 15), to ‘we,’ including the other apostles (2 Peter 3:15-16; 3:1-2; 1 Jn 4:6).
- “Did not follow cunningly devised fables”
The apostles didn’t go out and find stories to embellish or myths for support (1 Co. 2:1, 4; Ep. 4:14; 1 Ti. 1:4; 4:7. Tit. 1:14)
- “The power, (authority), and coming of our Lord” (3:3, 10; 2 Thess. 1:7)
- They reported what they saw & knew to be true (Mt. 17:1-5; 1 Jn 1:1-4)

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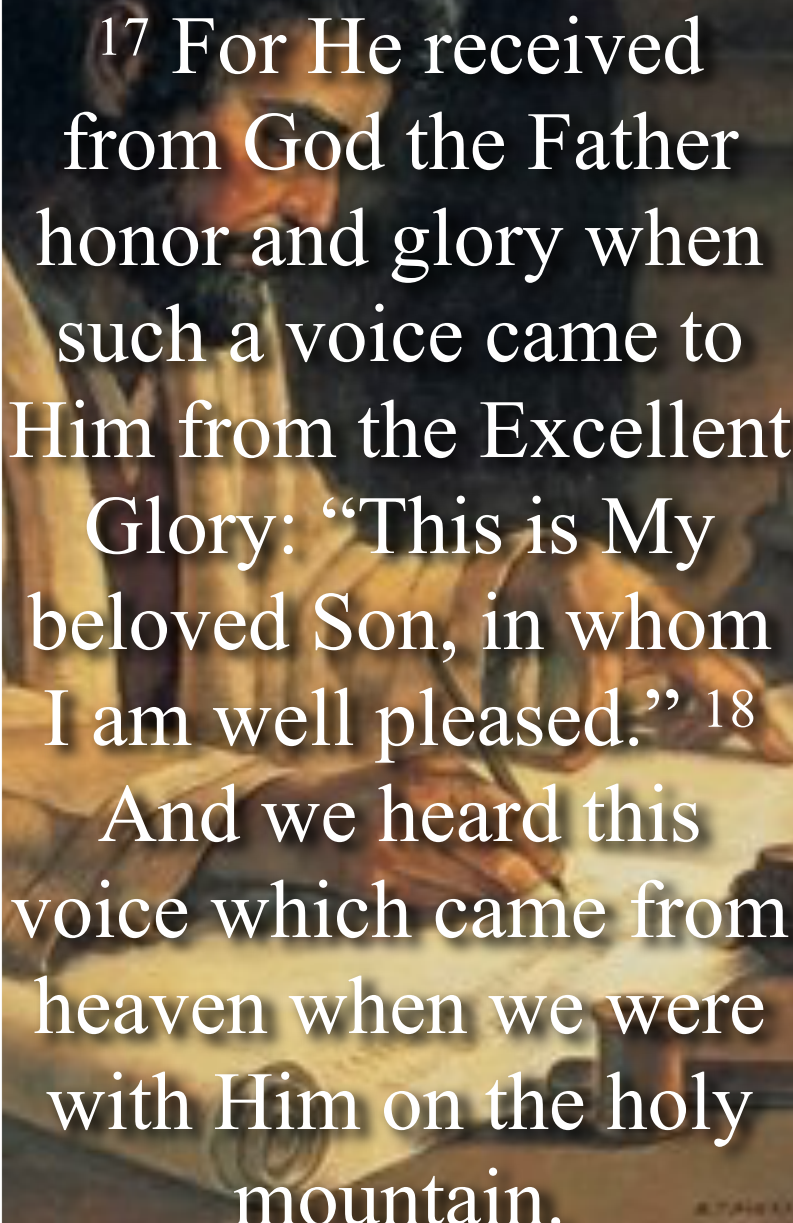
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- “When such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory” - the specific event under consideration is the Transfiguration.
- The ‘honor’ would include the testimony from the Father (Matthew 17:5).
- The ‘glory’, would apply to the Lord’s transfigured appearance (Luke 9:31-32)
- To reject Jesus, is to reject the Father. Any criticism directed against Jesus is equally directed against the Father (Luke 10:16)

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‘This whole passage has a great interest in showing the impact made by the transfiguration upon those who were present. Peter uses the incident here to emphasize his authoritative knowledge of the historical Jesus (and thereby to rebut the false teachers’ talk of “myths”), to stress the message (against false teachers who were twisting both), and to draw from the incarnate life of Jesus a positive pledge of the future coming in glory which the false teachers laughed at.’ (Green p. 86)

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“we have the prophetic word confirmed” (1:19-21)

- “so we have the prophetic word confirmed” - “The prophecies of the Old Testament... which foretold of Christ’s coming, deity, and greatness, are rendered more sure and unimpeachable now that He had come and the Transfiguration had taken place.”
- “which you do well to heed” Instead of paying attention to the claims of the false teachers, listen to what God has said (Acts 17:11; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Tim 3:16,17)



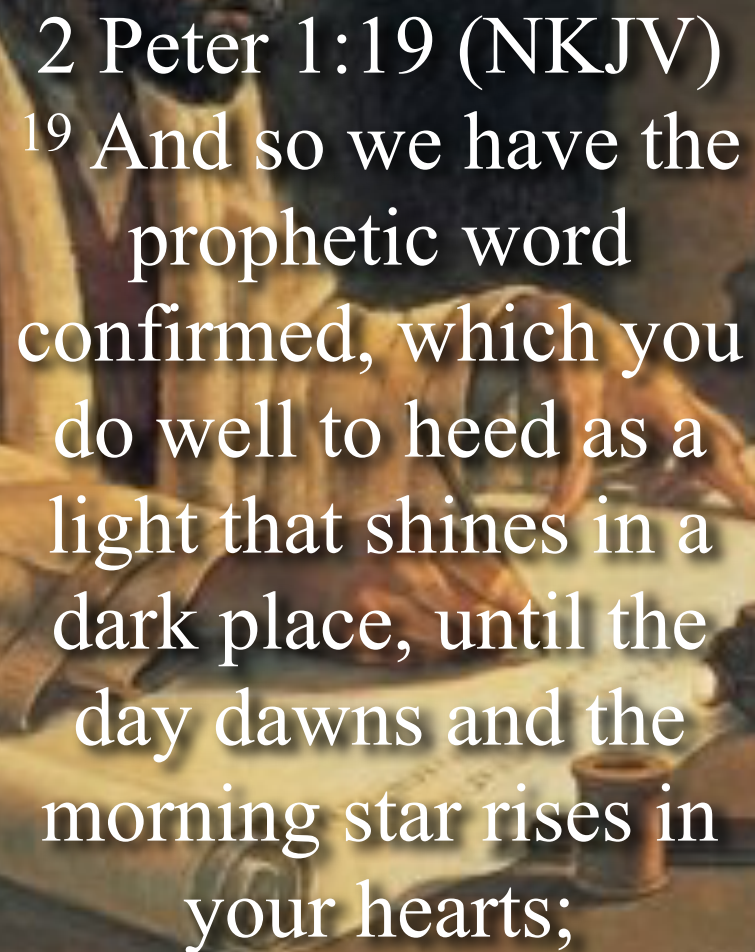
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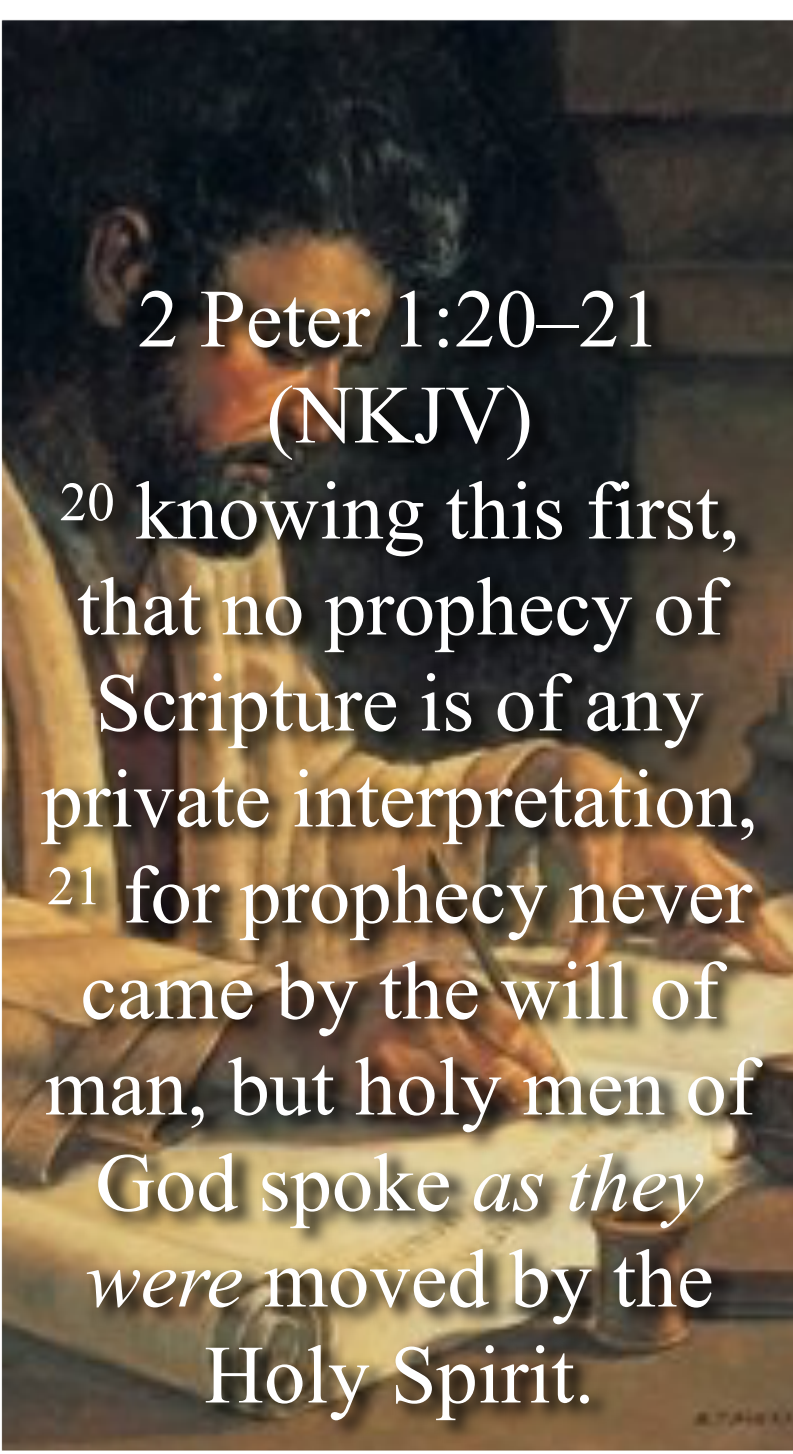


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- “as a light that shines in a dark place” - Without the Scriptures, man is in darkness / Without a reliance upon the Scriptures we will end up in darkness (Mat 4:16; Jn 3:19; Acts 26:18; Rom 2:19; Eph 5:8; 1 Pet 2:9)
- Jesus is often referred to as the ‘morning star’ (Rev 2:28; 22:16)
- The OT brought much light (2 Tim. 3:15), but the full and complete truth was revealed through Jesus Christ (John 1:17; 8:12; 16:13)

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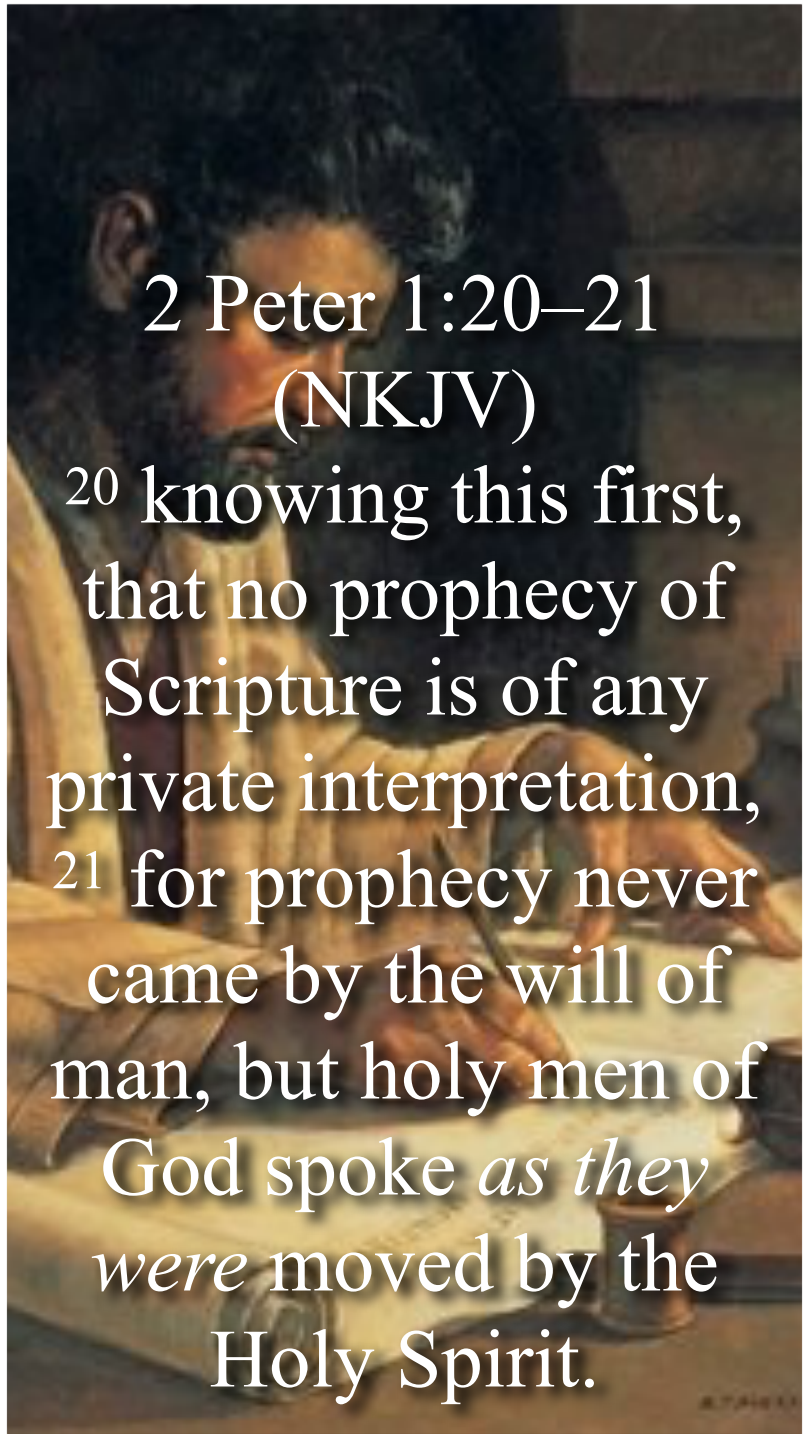
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- “no prophecy of Scripture” - The utterances of the Old Testament prophets. A prophet was a mouthpiece or spokesman for God (Exodus 7:1-2; Hebrews 1:1)
- The writings of the New Testament are also labeled as Scripture (1 Tim 5:18; 2 Pet 3:16)
- Peter is talking about the “interpretation,” i.e., understanding, prophets who delivered the prophecies. The next verse explains that the prophecies did not originate in the mind of the prophet, but rather with God

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- “for prophecy never came by the will of man” - God was the source of the message and not themselves. The concepts and the words which revealed those concepts were both given and chosen by God (1 Cor 2:9-13; Haggai 1:13; Jeremiah 1:17; Exodus 4:12-16)
- The Holy Spirit “moved” men to speak the words they spoke and wrote (Eph. 3:3-5; 2 Tim. 3:16; 17)
- Plenary, verbal inspiration (1 Cor 2:13; Mat. 22:32)



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**Let us accept the testimony
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**Let us have confidence in
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Philippians 1:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.