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The Prophetic Word: a Lamp Shining in a Dark Place

1. Pay attention to the Prophetic Word (Christ's power & coming):

- more fully confirmed - by apostolic eyewitnesses of His majesty
- as to a lamp shining in a dark place
- until the day dawns - and the morning star rises in our hearts

2. Know this about Scripture:

- no prophecy comes from someone's own interpretation - or was produced by the will of man
- men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

3. Heeding Peter's Words in Our 21st Century Culture:

- Believe God's word by faith - with a humble & bold Christian apologetics

- Fix our eyes on Jesus

---> what He said about Scripture (see below)

---> what Scripture says about Him

Excursus: The Bible According to Jesus

(see our "Apologetics" webpage to access the full version of this handout)

Jesus & the Old Testament Scriptures – He affirmed or taught the following:

- the divine authority of OT teachings: Mt 4:1ff; Mt 5:21, 27; 15:4
- the historicity of OT narrative/stories: Creation (Mk 10:6), the Flood (Mt 24:37), Jonah/fish (Mt 12:39)
- the historicity of OT people: Abraham (Jn 8:56), Moses (Mk 12:26), Queen of the South (Mt 12:42)
- the historicity of OT miracles: Luke 4:24ff with Elijah and Elisha
- the judgments of God in OT history: Luke 17:26ff (Noah's Flood, Sodom)
- the truthfulness of OT prophecy: Mal 3:1 (Mt 11:10); Isa 61:1ff (Lk 4:17ff)
- the totality of the OT Scriptures: Mt 23:24ff (from Abel to Zechariah)
- the call to obey the OT Scriptures: Mt 5:17; 23:23f (His fulfillment of the law; His obedience unto death)
- that His Apostles would carry on His ministry thru the Holy Spirit: the Spirit would empower and remind them of all that Jesus taught and guide them into all truth. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the apostles, we have the NT Scriptures (Lk 24:49; Jn 14:26; 16:13). This is explained in more detail below.
- that His teachings are the rock to build our lives upon & that the gospel would be preached to all nations (Mt 7:24ff & Mk 13:10): which implies that the gospel He preached would be written down as Scripture, just as other key events of salvation history and prophetic words from the OT became part of Scripture.