

## I Peter 1:3-12 - Part 2

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 3-28-18

### God's Promises of Hope are Fulfilled in Christ (vv. 10-12)

Sufferings now → glories to follow

- Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ (past), hope/anticipate his \_\_\_\_\_ (future)
- Pattern set before us: Christ suffered, then entered into glory.

Evident pattern throughout the OT

- \_\_\_\_\_ - God promised victory over the serpent (Gen. 3:15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ - God promised blessings via Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ - pronounced judgment, promised renewal (Isa. 2:2-4; 56:7; Ezek. 40:2; 44:9-31; Jer. 33:18)
  - The dry bones will live (Ezek. 37)
  - The remnant will be gathered along with the Gentiles (Mic. 4:1-3)
  - Eden will be restored and all of creation renewed (Isa. 11:6-9; 30:26; 35:9; 60:20; 65:17; 66:22)

Sufferings precede glory

- Specifically, the sufferings of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms - the cry of the righteous servant (Psa. 69:9; 22:1-21; 57:4, 6; 59:3-4)
- David's wanderings = a symbol of the innocent sufferings of the Lord's anointed
- Insufficiency of the temple sacrifices → a better sacrifice to come

Glory can only come because the God of glory will come

- He will appear in order to save his people and renew creation
- Peter beheld his glory: mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), the cross (John 17:1)
- Peter now looks for Christ to return in glory to finish his fulfillment of the prophets' promises

Sufferings do not mean the Lord has abandoned us, but rather that we share \_\_\_\_\_ with him

### The worth of our salvation

5 reasons we should be amazed by our salvation:

1. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ it
  - V. 11 - "the Spirit of Christ within (the prophets)...predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow"
  - Prophets bear witness to him only because he first bore witness to himself!
  - We have been loved for endless ages.

2. The prophets longed to \_\_\_\_\_ it
  - V. 10 - "the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries"
    - What they longed to see we should long to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Matthew 13:16-17 - "16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. 17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."
    - Experiencing something that great and wise and holy people longed to experience but couldn't should make us feel blessed and thankful
  
3. The prophets \_\_\_\_\_ us in it
  - V. 12 - "it was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you"
  - Building a \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. The angels love to \_\_\_\_\_ into it
  - V. 12 - "things into which angels long to look"
  - Angels love to watch the great work of God's salvation unfold in history
  - Rev. 5 - countless angels: "Worthy is the lamb that was slain."
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ brings it to us
  - V. 12 - "these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven"
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to the prophets → \_\_\_\_\_ through the apostles
  - Relationship between prophets and apostles
    - By the same HS → unity of God's word/people
    - One Lord, one plan of salvation, one revealed message - all focused on the lordship of Christ
    - Both testaments bear witness to him
    - The full meaning of the prophets' messages only made sense in Christ
      - The least disciple of Christ is in a better position to understand OT revelation than the greatest prophet before Christ came (Mat. 11:11)
  - Whenever we preach the good news of the gospel, the Holy Spirit preaches through us