

The Book of 2 Peter

I. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE POWER OF GOD (2 PETER 1:1-3).

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (1:3).

II. THE APPLICATION OF THE PROMISES OF GOD (1:4-9).

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (1:4).

A. The what of these promises.

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (1:5-7).

B. The why of these promises (1:8, 9).

1. The apply them leads to fruitfulness (1:8).
2. To avoid them leads to blindness (1:9).

III. THE EXAMINATION OF THE CALLING OF GOD (1:10-12).

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (1:10).

IV. THE REVELATION TO THE APOSTLE OF GOD (1:13-15).

"Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me" (1:13, 14).

V. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE SON OF GOD.

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount" (1:16-18).

VI. THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD (1:19-21).

- A. Its importance (1:19).
- B. Its interpretation (1:20).
- C. Its impartation (1:21).

VII. THE DEVIATION OF THE ENEMIES OF GOD (2:1-3:4).

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour" (3:1, 2).

A. The identity of these enemies:

1. In former days.
 - a. Wicked angels (2:4).
 - b. Those living in Noah's day (2:5).
 - c. Those living in Lot's day (2:6-9).
 - d. False prophets (2:1, 15, 16).
2. In the latter days.
 - a. False teachers (2:1).
 - b. Scoffers (3:3).

B. The iniquity of these enemies.

1. Inventors of heresies (2:1).
2. Christ deniers (2:1).
3. Sensuous flesh indulgers (2:2, 10, 14).

4. Truth maligners (2:2).
5. Greedy materialists (2:3).
6. Exploiters (2:3).
7. Despisers of all authority (2:10).
8. Self-willed (2:10).
9. Unreasoning brute animals (2:12).
10. Ignorant revilers (2:12).
11. Committed to the playboy philosophy (2:13).
12. Cancers upon society (2:13).
13. Eaten with lust (2:14).
14. Totally forsaking the right way (2:15).
15. Empty clouds (2:17).
16. Waterless wells (2:17).
17. Arrogant rabble rousers (2:18).
18. Blind captives attempting to lead other blind captives (2:19).
19. Cold-blooded apostates (2:21).
20. Filthy hogs and dogs (2:22).
21. Scoffers of the second coming (3:3, 4).
22. Closed-minded fools (3:5).

VIII. THE CONDEMNATION OF THE FORMER WORLD OF GOD (3:5, 6).

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished" (3:5, 6).

IX. THE ANNIHILATION OF THE PRESENT WORLD OF GOD (3:7-12).

"Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (3:12).

X. THE NEW CREATION OF THE FUTURE WORLD OF GOD (3:13-18).

- A. The anticipation of this new world (3:13, 14).
- B. The preparation for this new world.
 1. A proper relationship to the Scriptures (3:15-17).
 2. A proper relationship to the Savior.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (3:18).