

Feeding Your Soul

P a r a g r a p h S t u d y

2 Peter
1:19-21
GQ

Observation What Do I See?

1 Mark up the paragraph below with colors and symbols about what you notice.

19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know

this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Ideas for mark-up

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Repeated Words/Ideas/Subjects
- Commands (e.g., put aside, pray without ceasing, etc.)
- Lists (e.g., characteristics, sins, promises, etc.)
- Connecting words (e.g., for, yet, therefore, nor/or, but, so, and)
- Actions/Verbs
- Comparisons (e.g., like or as)
- Contrasts (e.g., light or dark)
- Warnings or Promises

2 Write what you learned about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit.

3 What did you learn about what you marked up? Write any questions you have about this text.

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

4 Compare translations highlighting any major differences in word choices.

NASB	ESV	NIV
<p>19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.</p>	<p>19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.</p>

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

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11. Immediately after relating his experience, Peter makes a surprising statement in verse 19. What is it?

12. Peter is not discounting his experience with Christ up on the mountain; he relates it to make a point. What is his purpose in referring to it here (verse 19)?

13. What is the prophetic word compared to? See Ps. 119:105; Prov. 6:23.

14. Explain why we are to pay attention to the Word. How long are you supposed to do that? Also note what you learn about the morning star from Luke 1:78- 79; Eph. 5:14; Rev. 2:28; 22:16.

15. Peter uses the example of the transfiguration to make his case that the Word takes precedence over experience. Compare Luke 16:19-31 with 2 Pet. 1:16- 21. How are these 2 passages similar in their message?

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16. What are we to know first of all about God's Word according to verses 20-21?
17. What are the dangers of making the Scriptures mean what you want them to say, instead of what God intended them to mean?
18. From the Scriptures that follow, notice what God says about prophets, prophecy, and Scripture. Make observations about what you learn from each reference. Be sure to note how it relates to 2 Pet. 1:20-21.
- a. Num. 23:5, 12, 26; 24:12-13.
 - b. Deut. 18:15-19.
 - c. 2 Kings 22:18-19.
 - d. Jer. 23:28-32.
 - e. Luke 1:70.
 - f. Acts 3:18.
 - g. 2 Tim. 3:16.
 - h. Heb. 3:7 cf. Ps. 95:7.
19. In verse 21 Peter describes men moved by the Holy Spirit. Read Acts 27:15 where the same Greek word is used. How does that help you understand what Peter is describing in verse 21?
20. Why are verses 20-21 meant to be an encouragement to us? How do they encourage you?
21. Summarize what Peter is trying to communicate to his beloved flock in verses 12-21.

Application What Does It Mean for Me?

12 Based on the principles you discovered in this passage, in what ways can you express love to God and to your neighbor? What truths must you personalize?

E x a m p l e s Are there any positive examples to follow or negative ones to avoid?

P r o m i s e s Are there any promises on which to meditate?

I d e n t i t y Are there any verses that remind me of who I am in Christ?

C o m m a n d s Are there any commands to follow?

S i n s t o A v o i d Are there any sins to avoid?

<i>Examples</i>	
<i>Promises</i>	
<i>Identity</i>	
<i>Commands</i>	
<i>Sins to Avoid</i>	

Implementation

What Steps Do I
Need to Take?

- 13 Write at least one step you will take in order to apply what you have learned.

Consultation

What Truths Did Others Find in
This Passage?

- 14 Write down anything you learned from a commentary you read or sermon you enjoyed.