



TIME OF GRACE®

Satan's Slippery Slopes: The Inspired and Inerrant Word?

Study Notes

1 Peter 1:16-21: ¹⁶“For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹We 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. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹For 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.”

Points to Ponder

1. Why is it so dangerous to your faith to pick apart the Bible and choose just parts of it to believe? If you think only part of it is God’s Word, what does it mean for the rest? And can you be confident in the parts you think are true?
2. **Read 1 Peter 1:16-18.** What authority does Peter show for testifying about Jesus in these verses? And what certainty does that give you?
3. **Read 1 Peter 1:19.** What else did God give us to make us certain that what is said about Jesus is true? How many Old Testament prophecies did Jesus fulfill? Who works in our hearts to believe these prophecies?
4. Finally, who inspired the Scriptures? What does that mean?
5. When you trust through faith that God’s Word is the truth, what else can you be absolutely sure of?

Don't let Satan tempt you to think that any part of the Bible isn't true. That's a dangerous slippery slope! God's Word is your lifeline to Christ. It's the only way you can know for sure that you have a Savior who loves you, has washed you clean, and who brought you God's favor. You know for sure because of his inerrant, inspired Word.

What else does God say?

John 17:17: Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

2 Timothy 3:16: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

Homework for Next Week

Read Luke 5:17-26.