

1 Peter 1:10-12

The Prophets Prophesied , Part 2

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Alternate translations of verses 8 & 9

- J.B. Philips: *At present you trust him without being able to see him, and even now he brings you a joy that words cannot express and which has in it a hint of the glories of Heaven; and all the time you are receiving the result of your faith in him—the salvation of your own souls.*
- Wuest: *Whom not having seen, you love because of His preciousness, in whom now not seeing yet believing you are to be rejoicing with an inexpressible and glorified joy upon the occasion of your receiving the promised consummation of your faith which is the salvation of your souls.*

A taste of glory

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,


- We have not seen Christ, not do we see him now
 - Hebrews 11:1 – *Faith is the...conviction of things not seen*
 - John 20:29 – *Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed*
 - Please note that lack of sight does not imply lack of evidence
- And yet we greatly rejoice
 - *Inexpressible*¹ – transcends the bounds of normal speech
 - See Ephesians 3:19-21
 - *Full of glory* – literally, glorified
 - See Acts 3:13

¹Word is used on this one time

The end of faith

9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your² souls.

- What do we get out of it?
 - *Obtaining* – is this a present or a future thing? a one-time event or a continuing event?
 - Same word used in 5:4
 - *The outcome* – greek word is “teleos”, meaning, the termination or culmination
 - Also used in 3:8 and 4:7
- Is this outcome for us, or for others?
 - Are we rejoicing in our salvation?
 - Or are we rejoicing that others may see our faith and come to Christ?
 - See 2:12

²some early manuscript does not contain the word “your” 

They were right

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,

- Important passages for Peter
 - Isaiah 52:13-53:12 – the suffering Messiah (specifically 53:5)
 - Matthew 13:10-16 – you see what they did not see
 - 2 Peter 1:16-21 – men spoke by the Holy Spirit
- What salvation?
 - The final salvation spoken of in vs. 5 & 9
 - The resurrection into new life
- *The grace that would come to you*
 - See also: 1:2,13*; 2:19-20; 3:7; 4:10; 5:5,10*,12
 - Is this a present or future grace?

Inquiring minds want to know

11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

- The prophets *made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know*
 - See Daniel 8:15
 - What is the importance of understanding prophecy?
 - See Titus 2:11-14
- *What person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating*
 - Is it important to seek out the who and the when?
 - The words come from the Spirit of Christ – see again 2 Peter 1:16-21
 - Validating the source
- *He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow*
 - The two Gospels: of the Kingdom and of Substitution
 - Why is the emphasis here on the Gospel of Substitution?

Gotta serve somebody

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

- *It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you*
 - 1 John 5:13 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - The weight of the call
 - See also James 3:1
- *These things which now have been announced to you*
 - Acts 2:14-36
 - What are the things?
 - Jesus is the person
 - The time is now
 - The hope is the future salvation

Good news, everyone!

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

- *Those who preached the Gospel*
 - These would be the apostles
 - Ephesians 4:11-13
 - Notice how Peter continually reinforces the importance of Scripture³
- *By the Holy Spirit sent from heaven*
 - The words of Scripture are not just the words of men
- *Things into which angels long to look*
 - Are angels jealous of us?

³and will continue to do so