

I Peter 1: 17-21

A NEW LIFE OF REVERANCE

PART II

Vs. 20-21



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- Context: subject is the Lord Jesus Christ's precious blood stated in previous verse and that they were REDEEMED (emphasis of redemption is on the VALUE of the price paid. Broader context: goes back to VS 13 'fix your hope' on the grace brought to you at HIS revelation
- Foreknown = *proginōskō*: verb; to know beforehand
- Noun form: prognosis. What English word is prognosis? (Not a trick question.)
- Some commentators: warn against Danger/ or item of note: insertion of 'ordination' here. ***Foreordained*** (KJV)
- Christ: Himself is not ordained He was always the Son of God in eternity. His work though, was ordained in eternity past: the efficacious blood as satisfaction for sin was a foreordained thing. Believers: would be foreordained/ predestined [Rom 8:29]
- The essential nature of God that is tied to "foreknown" is what?
- Note: the similarity of themes here to: HEBREWS 1



Hebrews 1: 1-13

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, **2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. **3** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say,

“You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You”?
And again,
“I will be a Father to Him
And He shall be a Son to Me”?

6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

“And let all the angels of God worship Him.”

7 And of the angels He says,
“WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.”

8 But of the Son *He says*
“YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,
AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

9 “YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED
LAWLESSNESS;
THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU
WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

10 And,
“**YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF
THE EARTH,**

AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;
11 THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;

AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT,
12 AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;
LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.

BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,
AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said,
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES
A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET”?



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- Foundation = katabolḗ a throwing down; laying down; or a founding, therefore, *laying down a foundation*
- **JOB 38** defines the foundation of the earth/ cosmos exactly:

1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

2 “Who is this that darkens counsel
By words without knowledge?

3 “Now gird up your loins like a man,
And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!

4 “Where were you **when I laid the foundation of the earth?**

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

5 Who **set its measurements?** Since you know.

Or who stretched the line on it?

6 “**On what were its bases sunk?**

Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang together
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 “Or who enclosed the sea with doors
When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;

9 When I made a cloud its garment
And thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 And I placed boundaries on it
And set a bolt and doors,

11 And I said, ‘Thus far you shall come, but no farther;
And here shall your proud waves stop’?



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- appeared = *phaneroō* a rich word having many different iterations: to make known, to make visible, to manifest, to make plainly recognized, to make thoroughly understood. Can be the revelation of a person or teachings/ideas.
- **Note the use of *phaneroō*** in verse 20 fulfils the want; desire of the prophets in verses 10-12; they made careful searches of unveiling of the Christ; in Jesus we have the full manifestation of those things.
- Last times = *eschatos chronos*
- What does this say about this letter of Peter?
- My take: I and II Peter are books on eschatology. Warnings/ admonitions about Last Days sobriety, moral living, holiness, perseverance in trials, etc—
- And not (like Paul, often) a positional- and conditional-oriented letter
- Thoughts from the class?



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- For the sake . . . Is familiar preposition from Roy's class the other week: **διά** = dia
- So: is it: through, with, in, by, by means of?
- Dia: can also be on account of (you); by reason of (you)
- BEST: because/for this reason of (you). Nestle greek interlinear = **because of**. KJV has "for you"
- Speaking of the greek interlinear, do you know how verse 20 reads?

20: **"HAVING BEEN FOREKNOWN ON ONE HAND FROM (THE) FOUNDATION OF (THE) WORLD MANIFESTED ON THE OTHER (HAND) IN (THE) LAST OF THE TIMES BECAUSE OF YOU**

Is it: on the one hand he was foreknown, on the other hand, He was manifested?

Or: on the one hand, 'before the foundation', on the other 'in these last times'?



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- We are believers in God the Father through Him
- It's **dia** again. Are we (believing) in God; **by the means** of Christ, on Account of Christ, because/for the reason of Christ ?
- The interlinear has: *the ones through Him believing in God*
- "I AM the door, if anyone enters **by** Me, he will be saved...." John 10:9
- 'Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.' John 14:1
- 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except **through** Me,' John 14:6
- 'Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me...' John 14:11



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I. THE FACTS THAT GOD RAISED JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD:

- And you killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses," Acts 3:15
- "Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole," (Acts 4:10).

II. THE FACTS THAT JESUS WAS GLORIFIED:

- 1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; **glorify Your Son**, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 This is eternal life, **that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent**. 4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 Now, Father, **glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was**. [John 17]
- 1 Therefore if you have been **raised up with Christ**, keep seeking the things above, **where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God**. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, **then you also will be revealed with Him in glory** [Col. 3]
- "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, **has glorified His servant Jesus**, *the one* whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.



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- So that. . . . Based on the facts: God raised Jesus Christ up from the dead, gave Him glory, He's appeared to you bodily, he was foreknown before the foundation of the world, you were redeemed by the precious blood shed by that death, not from little coins of gold, silver (vs. 18-19), He was revealed to you by revelation (vs. 13), and this revelation was given by the prophets, (but not fully understood/ put together by them) and longed to look into by angels (vs. 12),
- BASED on this your **faith** (present) and **hope** (expectancy of future things; confidence in the future)—I
- ARE RESTED UPON, DEPENDENT UPON GOD- HIS VERY SELF.
- FAITH: is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1
- Look at the interlinear:
 - ‘Now is faith of things being hoped [the] **reality**, of things [the] proof not being seen.’
- The reality (substance; hüpo'stäsēs) of all things of God:
- WHAT ARE THE THINGS: *His Essence, His works, His plans (in foreknowledge), His foreordaining the solution of Salvation through Christ's blood, His dealings with the cosmos in history, His Things, His Ways, His Thoughts, His choosing believers to be holy & blameless before Him in love, Christ's Things*



An Interesting Comparison:

The parallels of Luke 12:35-41

Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;

And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

To I Peter 1:13-20:

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ¹⁴ As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,