

# *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for August 13-14, 2005**

**"Our Prophetic Revelation"**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

## **1. The truthfulness of the personal witness (1:16-18)**

### a. The vision (1:16)

The contrast is between cleverly contrived tales and clearly compelling truth.

We know that the transfiguration is true because of the eyewitnesses.

- Their plurality
- Their credibility

### b. The voice (1:17)

1) The passages: Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

2) The place: Mount Hermon

3) The pronouncement

Christ was honored in what was spoken about Him.

Christ was glorified in what was done to Him.

4) The purpose

The Transfiguration was a glimpse of the kingdom of God.

### c. The validation (1:18)

The disciples' role as eye-witnesses is emphasized.

## **2. The triumph of the prophetic word (1:19-21)**

### a. Our assurance of the Word (1:19)

The prophetic word is not made more sure by the transfiguration, it is more sure than the transfiguration.

We can have more confidence in the Scripture than even Peter had in his experience.

### b. Our attention to the Word (1:19)

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The lamp illustrates the word.

The dawn illustrates the return of Christ (cf. Malachi 4:2).

The "morning star" literally means "light-bringer." When Christ returns, He will illuminate our hearts.

c. Our appreciation for the Word (1:20)

"First of all" speaks to what is most important.

2 Peter 1:20-21 speaks to the origin of prophecy, not to the understanding of prophecy.

d. The authorship of the Word (1:21)

God guided the human authors so that using their own individual personalities, they composed His revelation to man.

Spirit-moved writers wrote God-breathed writings (2 Timothy 3:16).

e. The authority of the Word (1:21)

Because the Bible is from God it is accurate (Titus 1:2) and authoritative.