

"THE MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY"**Introduction**

1. This is a difficult time for God's people
2. 1 Peter refers to the problem of suffering
3. 2 Peter refers to error and heresy

DOCTRINE: These are Satan's great engines

Q. Why are we in this sad condition today?

A. It is the fruit of

- a. Religious Liberalism
- b. Evolution

So, the great issue is: How are we to face all this?

The TEXT here gives us the comfort we need.

1. WE MUST REMIND OURSELVES WHERE WE LIVE

*The world is a dark place – always has been for God's people;

REASONS:

- 1) Profound ignorance: 3 questions
ILLUSTRATION: on a train
- 2) Cruelty: WW2, Holocaust, Abortions, Iraq.
ILLUSTRATION: 3 Christians in Turkey
- 3) Hatred of Goodness, Holiness, Godliness:
ILLUSTRATION: the prophets, apostles – Christ.
APPLICATION: This dark world is not the home of God's children – we are pilgrims in it.

2. WE MUST REMIND OURSELVES OF OUR LIGHT

- * The great difference:
- (i) the world has no light
 - (ii) but the believer does

- 1) This Light here: the Bible:
This proved by the context: 'prophecy', 'scripture' and inspiration (Explain)
- 2) The Bible tells us about God and His Purpose – especially FOUR things.
- 3) In the light of this, it tells us by what RULE we must live: the Moral Law.
- 4) The Fourfold State of man (T. Boston)
- 5) Above all, the way of salvation by Christ.
APPLICATION We have no light till we understand the Bible.
ILLUSTRATION: Eta Linnemann

3. THE GLORIOUS HOPE OF THE CHRISTIAN:

"the day dawn...the daystar"

- 1) The Second Coming of Christ: 3 v. 10, 13
- 2) "The night is far spent..."
APPLICATION: Our comfort of Christ's soon coming, the world is 6,000 years old.
- 3) O what a change when He comes!
- 4) The "Day Star" – lovely term: when Christ comes again we shall enter the state of glory!

CONCLUSION

1. Look at Paul, about to die (2 Tim. 4)
2. Do you have his faith and hope?
3. Then, live more and more for God's glory

PSALM

27: 1 – 4

119: 105- 110

96: 10 -13