

## 2 Peter

The Trustworthy Prophetic Word (2 Peter 1:16-21)

### Read: The Trustworthy Prophetic Word (1:16-21)

**16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.**

**19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.**

### Explain: The Trustworthy Prophetic Word (1:16-21)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

#### What are the most repeated words in 2 Peter?

Their/them/themselves/they (42), you/your (28), he/his/him (22), our/us/we (21), \_\_\_\_\_ (21), Lord (15), I/me/my (12), day (9), Jesus (9), \_\_\_\_\_/knowing/known/knows (9), Christ (8), God (7), knowledge (7), righteous/righteousness (7), beloved (6), destruction/destructive (6), holy (6), own (6)

#### What are the most repeated words in this text?

Our/we (6), he/him/his (4), came (3), holy (3), \_\_\_\_\_/prophetic (3), you/your (3), glory (2), God (2), I/my (2), never (2), voice (2)

#### What do the words mean?

**16 For we did not follow** [aorist active participle; to follow out, i.e., (figuratively) to imitate, obey, yield to: follow] **cunningly devised** [*sophizo*; perfect passive participle; to render wise; in a sinister acceptance, to form "sophisms," i.e., continue plausible error: cunningly devised, make wise] **fables** [*mythos*; a tale, i.e., fiction ("myth"): fable] **when we made known** [aorist active indicative; to make known;

subjectively, to know: certify, declare, make known, give to understand, do to wit, wot] **to you the power** [*dynamis*; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work] **and coming** [*parousia*; a being near, i.e., \_\_\_\_\_ (often, return; specially, of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by implication) physically, aspect: coming, presence] **of our Lord** [*kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e., (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title): God, Lord, master, Sir] **Jesus** ["Jehovah is salvation"] **Christ** ["anointed"], **but were** [aorist passive deponent participle; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e., (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.): arise, be assembled, be(-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought] **eyewitnesses** [a looker-on: eye-witness] **of His majesty** [*megalotes*; superbness, i.e., glory or splendor: magnificence, majesty, mighty power]. **17 For He received** [second aorist active participle; to take (in very many applications, literally and figuratively (properly objective or active, to get hold of)): accept, be amazed, assay, attain, bring, catch, come on, forget, have, hold, obtain, receive, take (away, up)] **from God** [*theos*; a deity, especially the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: God, god(-ly, -ward)] **the Father** [*pater*; a "father" (literally or figuratively, near or more remote): father, parent] **honor** [*time*; a value, i.e., money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy, esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself: honor, precious, price, some] **and glory** [*doxa*; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): dignity, glory(-ious), honor, praise, worship] **when such a voice** [*phone*; a tone (articulate, bestial or artificial); by implication, an address (for any purpose), saying or language: noise, sound, voice] **came** [aorist passive participle; to "bear" or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold] **to Him from the Excellent** [befitting greatness or magnificence (majestic): excellent] **Glory** [*doxa*]: **"This is** [present indicative; he (she or it) is; also (with neuter plural) they are: are, be(-long), call, come, consists, follow, (that) is (to say), make, means, profit, remains, wrestle] **My beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved: (dearly, well) beloved, dear] **Son** [used very widely of immediate, remote or figuratively, kinship: child, foal, son], **in whom I am well pleased** [aorist active indicative; to think well of, i.e., \_\_\_\_\_ (an act); specially, to appraise (a person or thing): think good,

(be well) please(-d), be the good (have, take) pleasure, be willing].” **18 And we heard** [*akouo*; aorist active indicative; to hear (in various senses): give (in the audience (of), come (to the ears), (shall) hear(-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, understand] **this voice** [*phone*] **which came** [aorist passive participle; to “bear” or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold] **from heaven** [the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specially, the Gospel (Christianity): air, heaven(-ly), sky] **when we were** [present participle (repeatedly were); being: be, come, have] **with Him on the holy** [*hagios*; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): (most) holy (one, thing), saint] **mountain** [a mountain (as lifting itself above the plain): hill, mount(-ain)].

**19 And so we have** [present active indicative; to \_\_\_\_\_ (used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possession; ability, continuity, relation, or condition): be (able, possessed with), accompany, begin to amend, can(-not), count, diseased, do + eat, enjoy, fear, following, have, hold, keep, lack, go to law, lie, must needs, of necessity, need, next, recover, reign, rest, return, take for, tremble, uncircumcised, use] **the prophetic** [*prophetikos*; pertaining to a foreteller (“prophetic”): of prophecy, of the prophets] **word** [*logos*; something said (including the thought); by implication, a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specially, (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e., Christ): account, cause, communication, doctrine, fame, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, reckon, remove, say(-ing), shew, speech, talk, thing, none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work] **confirmed** [stable (literally or figuratively): \_\_\_\_\_, of force, steadfast, sure], **which you do** [present active indicative; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct): abide, agree, appoint, band together, be, bear, bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, content, continue, deal, without any delay, (would) do(-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, keep, lay wait, lighten the ship, make, none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, have purged, purpose, put, raising up, shew, spend, take, tarry, transgress the law, work, yield] **well** [well (usually morally): (in a) good (place), honestly, recover, (full) well] **to heed** [present active participle (\_\_\_\_\_ heed); (figuratively) to hold the mind towards, i.e., pay attention to, be cautious about, apply oneself to, adhere to: (give) attend(-ance, -ance at, -ance to, unto), beware, be given to, give (take) heed (to unto); have regard] **as a light** [a portable lamp or other illuminator (literally or figuratively): candle, light] **that shines** [present middle or passive participle (\_\_\_\_\_ shines); to lighten (shine), i.e., show (transitive or intransitive, literal or figurative): appear, seem, be seen,

shine] **in a dark** [properly, dirty, i.e., (by implication) obscure: dark] **place** [*topos*; a spot (general in space, but limited by occupancy), i.e., location (as a position, home, tract, etc.); figuratively, condition, opportunity; specially, a scabbard: coast, license, place, quarter, rock, room, where], **until the day** [day, i.e., (literally) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours; figuratively, a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context): age, alway, (mid-)day (by day, (-ly)), for ever, judgment, (day) time, while, years] **dawns** [aorist active subjunctive; to glimmer through, i.e., break (as day): dawn] **and the morning star** [*phosphoros*; light-bearing (“phosphorus”), i.e., (specially), the morning-star (figuratively): day star] **rises** [aorist active subjunctive; to (cause to) arise: (a-, make to) rise, at the rising of, spring (up), be up] **in your hearts** [*kardia*; the heart, i.e., (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle: (broken-)heart(-ed)]; **20 knowing** [present active participle (\_\_\_\_\_ knowing); to “know” (absolutely) in a great variety of applications and with many implications (as follow, with others not thus clearly expressed): allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know(-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand] **this first** [*proton*; firstly (in time, place, order, or importance): before, at the beginning, chiefly (at, at the) first (of all)], **that no prophecy of Scripture** [*graphe*; a document, i.e., holy Writ (or its contents or a statement in it): scripture] **is** [present middle or passive deponent indicative; to cause to be (“gen”-erate), i.e., (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.): arise, be assembled, be(-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought] **of any private** [pertaining to \_\_\_\_\_, i.e., one’s own; by implication, private or separate: when they were alone, apart, aside, due, his (own, proper, several), home, (her, our, thine, your) own (business), private(-ly), proper, severally, their (own)] **interpretation** [\_\_\_\_\_, i.e., application: interpretation; see **Nehemiah 8:1-8**], **21 for prophecy never came** [aorist passive indicative; to “bear” or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold] [not translated in the NKJV: indefinite adverb, at some time, ever: afore-(any, some-)time(-s), at length (the last), (n-)ever, in the old time, in time past, once, when] **by the will** [a determination (properly, the thing), i.e., (actively) \_\_\_\_\_ (specially, purpose, decree; abstractly, volition) or (passively) inclination: desire, pleasure, will] **of man** [man-faced, i.e., a human being: certain, man], **but holy men of God spoke** [aorist active

indicative; to talk, i.e., utter words: preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, utter] **as they were moved** [present passive participle (\_\_\_\_\_ moved); to “bear” or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold] **by the Holy** [*hagios*] **Spirit** [*pneuma*; a current of air, i.e., breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e., (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ’s spirit, the Holy Spirit: ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind].

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Father \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
3. Scripture is to be explained \_\_\_\_\_

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture
2. Place our \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus
3. \_\_\_\_\_ publicly for the explanation

## Next week: Destructive Doctrines (2:1-3)

**1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.**

## Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week’s text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**2 Peter 2:1-3**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member