

1 Peter 1:10-12

Prophets, Angels and Privileged People Like Us

Purpose Statement of 1 Peter

As spiritual aliens/short-timers on Earth, Christians should not be controlled by our emotions/feelings but we should consistently live our faith centered on our Lord Jesus Christ so that unbelievers who slander us because we are believers will see the reality of Christ in our lives and ultimately glorify God by coming to Him in faith. 2:11-12

Old Testament Prophets v10-12a

Were fascinated by/wanted to understand as specifically as possible all they could about the Savior, especially the relationship between His suffering and His glory

As to this salvation (1:3-9 with its present, past and future aspects) the OT Prophets (including Isaiah, Micah and Daniel)...made careful searches and inquiries seeking to know about 1: the sufferings of Christ and 2: the glories to follow.

they were not (directly) serving themselves in their inspired writings but you-which of course means "us" in these things (the connection between the 1st Coming of Christ/the Lamb of God and the 2nd Coming of Christ/the Lion of the Tribe of Judah-a "Victorious Warrior" as Zephaniah 3:17 says).

these things which now have been announced to you THROUGH those (including Peter) who preached the Gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from Heaven (Acts 2)

Angels v12b

Are fascinated by/want to understand as specifically as possible all they can about the relationship between Church Age believers' human limitations/sufferings now and our future glory/function in the Millennium and beyond

[These are] things into which angels long to look!?!
IOWs: God's grace to us blows the minds of angels!?!

Take This to Heart

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Turning to the disciples, He said privately, “Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see, for I say to you, many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see and did not see *them* and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear *them*.”

Luke 10:23-24

Far from being a theological impractical aside, 1 Peter 1:10-12 is designed to spiritually turbocharge our perspective on live now such that we will have a greater level of appreciation and joy in serving and if necessary suffering as we walk with our Savior day by day in disciplined discipleship.

Bottom Line: As believers in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross, we should appreciate our position in the ongoing program of God and be fascinated by/want to understand all we can about our Savior, such that we “come after Him” in disciplined discipleship, allowing Him to reproduce His character in us to His glory.