

Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

Exploring God's Revelation

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Professed biblical prophecy has always been a part of certain denominations, but how can they be contrary in their ideas and interpretations? What purpose does prophecy serve and is there true prophecy as well as false?

Opening prayer: Our gracious God, this study of prophecy is challenging. O Father, we seek to discover the truth, not error. Keep us in Your understanding we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. Does God use prophecy? For what purpose? Are we to study it?

1. *John 14:29* "And now I have told you _____ it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye might _____."
2. *1 Corinthians 12:7-11* "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to _____ withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another _____; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame _____, dividing to every man severally as he will."
3. *2 Timothy 3:16-17* "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is _____ for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly _____ unto all good works."
4. *Deuteronomy 29:29* "The _____ things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are _____ belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."
5. *Matthew 10:27* "What I tell you in darkness, that _____ ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that _____ ye upon the housetops."
6. *Psalms 119:105* "Thy _____ is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my _____."
7. *2 Peter 1:16-21* "For we have not followed cunningly devised _____, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount."

We have also a more ____ word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take ____, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. Knowing this first, that __ prophecy of the scripture is of any _____ interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man but ____ men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

8. *1 Peter 1:10-11* “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who _____ of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it _____ beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”

9. *Revelation 1:1-3* “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to ____; and he sent and signified it by his _____ unto his servant John: Who bare _____ of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. _____ is he that readeth, and they that _____ the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the ____ is at hand.”

10. *Daniel 2:7* “They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the _____, and we will shew the _____ of it.”

From God’s word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That _____ is a part of God’s revelation to ____; that it is included in that Scripture which is profitable for instruction; that it is designed for us and our _____; that so far from being enshrouded in impenetrable _____, it is that which especially constitutes the word of God a ____ to our feet and a light to our ____; that a blessing is pronounced upon those who _____ it; and that, consequently, it is to be understood by the people of God sufficiently to show them their _____ in the word’s history and the special _____ required at their hands.

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Closing prayer: Loving Father, thank You for not being a secretive God, but one who desires us to know and profit from such knowledge, as You in Your wisdom see fit to show us. Help us to have ears to hear and be prepared to perform those duties You set before us. In turn, let us not keep those things learned to ourselves, that others might be caught unawares. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, amen.

Answers: 1. before, believe 2. profit, prophecy, Spirit 3. profitable, furnished 4. secret, revealed 5. speak, preach 6. word, path 7. fables, sure, heed, no, private, holy 8. prophesied, testified 9. pass, angel, record, Blessed, hear, time 10. dream, interpretation