



"The Glory of our Salvation" (Part 2) Our Privileged Place in the Plan of Providence

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1 Peter 1:12



10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that [would come] to you sought out and carefully inquired, **11** they sought for what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. **12** It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things

which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels desire to look.

– 1 Peter 1:10-12, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

Our privileged place in the salvation plan was pursued and predicted in the past by prophets, proclaimed in the present by preachers, passionately peered at by the angels.



We possess a privileged place in the providential plan!

I. Our Privileged Place in the Plan of Providence (10-12)

A. Pursued in the Past by Prophets (10-12a)

1. The Research of the Prophets (10-11)

2. The Revelation Given to the Prophets (12a)

a. The Answer: "Not Yet"

b. Hebrews 11

B. Proclaimed in the Present by Preachers (12b)

1. Our Present Place in the Plan!

a. Preaching as an essential and central component of our worship . . .

"Preaching in our day is often intriguing, but seldom commanding; often entertaining, but seldom convicting; often popular, but seldom powerful; often interesting, but less often transforming." –John

(1) Why is there such a lack of Spirit-filled, Word-centered, historically-proven preaching in the church today?

(a) #1 - We are not willing to pay the Price

(b) #2 - We are willing to bow the Knee to pragmatism

(2) What is "Spirit-empowered" preaching?

C. Passionately Peered at by Angels (12c)

1. "look into" = parakuptō (παρακυπτω) "to steal a glance, stoop to look at"

2. Ephesians 3

"Holy, Holy, is what the angels sing, And I expect to help them make the courts of heaven ring; But when I sing redemption's story, they will fold their wings, For angels never felt the joys that our salvation brings." –From an old hymn

3. We assist angels in worship!

Conclusion