

Praise the Lord when we leave this tent God has better things for us than anything we have in this life.

The next verse then which starts what I call Peter's witness to Christ says, I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease. This word decease is simply the Greek word departure. It's the word Exodus, the same as the name of the second book of the Bible. After I leave, you will be able to have these things in remembrance. I see my time is gone. I'll very briefly mention the last two parts of the book (chapter rather.) We have not followed cunningly devised fables. We haven't followed clever stories somebody has made up. We were eye witnesses of Christ's majesty. Peter says, I'm telling you things that I have seen and heard. John says in 1 John, that which we have seen which we have heard and touched and our hands have handled of the Word of life, these Apostles are telling us what they saw and what they knew. So they say We know this is true, we saw it. We saw Him risen from the dead. Someone has said that the resurrection of Christ is the best authenticated fact in history. These men who saw it wrote down what they saw and told us about it. So Peter witnesses to his personal knowledge of Christ.

You know the most effective witness you can give to unbelievers today is to tell him what you have experienced, how God has worked in your heart to ~~us~~ tell him how God has enabled you to go to souls in difficulty and trouble with joy and happiness because your eyes are on the Lord Jesus Christ. Your personal witness of what you have experienced in Christ is the greatest evidence you can give to anyone. PETER SAYS, We actually saw Him. But he says, You who live after we depart and you can't hear you have a witness, a continuing witness.

So that's the last part, the witness of Peter's testimony to the Bible. Verses 19-21. We have a more sure word of prophecy. We have a word of prophecy that doesn't end when we die but goes on. We have continuing word of prophecy, we have the Bible. Peter says, You listen to me and hear what I saw. Hear my experience, but he says, You read the Bible and that is where you get God's truth. That is where you learn how to do these things. We have a sure word of prophecy to which you would do well to ~~to~~ take heed as unto a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts. Knowing this first that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation. This verse can be very confusing to us today. In fact some good Bible students have completely misunderstood it. The word might be translated of any private origination, or of any interpretation simply by the prophet's self. What the verse means is that what was in the Scripture is there because God led the writers to put it there. It did not originate with them. It originated with God. Those men who wrote the Bible had erroneous ideas in their minds just like all of us do. But God kept them from putting it down in what was intended to be part of the Word of God. There is no section of this word that has a private origination. It originated with God and God led the writers, keeping them from error as they wrote so that we have the very truth of God here. For, he says the prophecy came ~~is~~ not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. KJV says Holy Ghost. I don't know how that phrase got established. It may be because of the German heiligengheist. Gheist in German simply means spirit. In the Bible