

Worship with us in the Word

You Can Be Certain of This!

Be Certain of God's Word

2 Peter 1:12-21

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Peter's reminder for recalling and reviewing – 1:12-15

A Critical Question: How can we be sure that the Bible is the true Word of God?

Reason #1 – The Apostles' Experiences – vv. 16-18

- We have seen.
- We have heard.
- We have understood.
- The Transfiguration and the resurrection – both witnessed by Peter, James, and John

Reason #2 – The Prophetic Evidence – v. 19

The Wonder of God's Inspiration – vv. 20-21

- It is God's message, not man's.
- It is breathed-out by God. – 2 Timothy 3:16
- Described by a metaphor – a sailing ship, moved by the wind

Why is this such a big deal?

Biblical inspiration

... helps us interpret Scripture correctly: God's message delivered through human personalities. We cannot conclude, *"The Bible contradicts itself."*

... guards us against over-emphasizing the human element in interpreting Scripture. We cannot conclude, *"The Bible contains errors because it was written by humans reflecting their cultural views."*