

Today We Have a More Sure Word

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Today, God has given us a more sure word of instruction and inspiration than an audible voice, than an appearance of an angel, more sure than someone rising from the dead and telling us things. This lesson from II Peter 1:16-20 will clearly show you this more sure instruction, inspiration, and how simple it is.

Key points:

- Inspiration comes from God. It can come in various forms (an angel appearing, the Shekinah glory, hearing an audible voice, etc.).
- We have something better than all of that, and it's the Word of God.
- God exalts His Word above His name. If His Word is no good, then He's no good.
- Peter was an eye witness to Jesus' transfiguration, which included Moses and Elijah appearing from the dead, the Shekinah glory, and an audible voice. However, Peter tells us that we have a more sure word than all of this because we have the Scriptures.
- God's Word is the power of God.

Scriptures:

- Job 33:4 – The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath (or *inspiration*) of the Almighty hath given me life.
- Joel 2 – talks about what will happen in the last days.
- Acts 12 – after Peter's miraculous escape from prison, the people praying for his release didn't believe it was him. They thought it was his angel.
- Proverbs 14:12 & Proverbs 16:25 – There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.
- Luke 16:19-31 – the account of Lazarus and the rich man, which ends with "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."
- Psalm 138:2 – God has magnified His Word above His name.
- Mark 9 – the story of the Jesus' transfiguration.
- 2 Peter 1:16-19 – Peter speaks about seeing Jesus' transfiguration and says, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."
- Matthew 22:29 – Jesus said that the Word of God is the power of God.