THRIVING IN EXILE STUDIES IN 1 PETER 1 Peter 1:10-12

Our Relation to the Prophets

- 1. Old Testament prophecy is about Jesus
- 2. The prophets didn't understand all that they wrote
- 3. They knew they were serving us

Our Relation to the Angels

Our salvation is a wonder to the heavenly hosts

Conclusion: More Privileged Than Prophets and Angels

Application: Enjoying Our Privileges

- 1. The "Bible Times" were not the glory days
- 2. Reading the Bible with Jesus at the centre

- 1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
- 2. Have you ever daydreamed of a season of your life that is in the past, only to realize that your life today is actually better off?
 - a. How can we be thankful for the past, and recognize that those seasons are special, while also being grateful for the present time that God has ordained for us?
 - b. Do you (or does someone you know) sometimes feel tempted to consider the "Bible Times" as more special than today? What could this say about our hearts, gratitude, and knowledge of God's Word?
- 3. On Sunday we compared the glory of the New covenant with the Old covenant.
 - a. Read Hebrews 12:18-24 together and discuss this idea some more.
 - b. One reason that we often think that the "Old Testament days" were better is that it seems like those saints experienced God in more tangible, physical, "real" ways. What do verses 18-19 say about this? (Also consider Hebrews 8:6).
 - c. According to this passage, what is more glorious about this New-covenant era? Why?
 - d. Also read 1 Corinthians 3:7-18 time permitting).
 - e. Read Hebrews 12:25-29: How could these verses to encourage someone who thinks that the "glory days" were in the past?
- 4. On Sunday we were shown from God's Word that all of the Old Testament was written about Jesus, and written for us today.
 - a. Read Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10:11, & 2 Timothy 3:15-16. According to these verses, in what ways are all of those Scriptures "for us" today? How are we to use them?
 - b. How can the following Old Testament passages "do" for us what the above verses say that they're meant for (give hope, warn, prepare minds for Jesus' salvation, etc)?: Genesis 3:14-15; Psalm 2:10-12; 2 Samuel 7:2-13; Ezekiel 34:23-24; Daniel 9:24.
 - c. There are many more passages (and maybe some more obvious ones that you can think of) that could be listed here. How is this all Christ centred?
- 5. Pray for one another that you would love God's Word & Covenant.