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2 Peter 1:9-21

***Peter's Last Words to the Churches:
Dependable Authority – Part 3
An Authoritative Message***

Introduction

The Certainty of the Message **19a**

We have

Prophetic Message

as something completely reliable

- *something that is most reliable*
- *made more certain*
- *a more sure word of prophecy*

Pay attention

As to a light shining in a dark place
(Psalm 119:105)

Until the day dawns

and the morning star rises in your hearts
(Numbers 24:17; Revelation 22:16; John 9:12)

How God's Word did NOT originate

It did NOT come from the prophet's own interpretation

It did NOT come from the human will

Where did prophecy come from?

Men spoke from God

As they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

(2 Timothy 3:16)

Since the prophetic message – God's Word – originated from God certain things are true:

- 1) God's Word is reliable!
 - Verbal Inspiration

- Plenary Inspiration

 - Inerrant
- 2) God's Word is available!
- Understandable

 - In our hands
- 3) God's Word is authoritative!
- 4) God's Word is true – Jesus is coming back!

Questions for Discussion and Contemplation

1. How did authority work in your family growing up?
2. People today put a lot of emphasis on personal experience, especially in religion. How does Peter's message (v. 19) address the certainty of experience compared to the Word of God?
3. How does the origin of the God's Word relate to the authority of God's will? (Think about the origin of a message from a parent carried to a child through a sibling).
4. How closely should we pay attention to God's Word (v. 19)?
5. How does the origin of God's word guarantee its accuracy?