

A READING FROM 2 PETER 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 99:5-9 *Said in unison*

- ¹ The LORD is King;
 let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.
- ² The LORD is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
- ³ Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
- ⁴ "O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."]
- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
 and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
 they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- ⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
 and worship him upon his holy hill; *
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.