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Second Peter

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the ones having received a faith equal in value with us, by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 As his divine power has given to us all the things for life and godliness through the knowledge of the one having called us through his glory and excellence, 4 through which he has given to us the precious and great promises so that through them you might be sharers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world by lust, 5 and now *for* this same *reason*, applying all diligence, supply in your faith, goodness; and in goodness, knowledge; 6 and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness; 7 and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. 8 For these things existing and increasing in you cause you to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he in whom these things are not present is blind, nearsighted, having received forgetfulness of the cleansing of his past sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for doing these things, you will certainly not ever stumble. 11 For in this way will be richly provided to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

12 Therefore, I will always remind you about these things, although you have known *them* and have been established in the present truth. 13 But I think *it is* right, as long as I am in this tent, to arouse you in remembrance, 14 knowing that the putting off of my tent is imminent, just as also our Lord Jesus Christ revealed this to me. 15 Likewise, I will be diligent to cause you to always have the remembrance of these things after my departure. 16 For we did not make known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ *by* having followed cleverly invented myths, but *by* having become eyewitnesses of the majesty of that one. 17 For he has received honor and glory from God the Father, such a voice having been brought to him by the Majestic Glory: "This is my Son, my Beloved, in whom I myself am well pleased." 18 And we ourselves heard this voice, having been brought from heaven, being with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the very certain prophetic word, to which you do well to pay attention, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day might dawn and the morning star might rise in your hearts, 20 knowing this first, that every prophecy of scripture does not come from one's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever brought by the will of man, but men being carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Now false prophets were also among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will bring in heresies of destruction, and denying the master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 And many will follow their licentious acts, because of whom the way of truth will be slandered. 3 And in greed, they will exploit you with false words, for whom condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction does not sleep. 4 For if God did not spare angels who had sinned, but, in chains of darkness throwing down to Tartarus, he handed over those being kept for judgment; [a]5 and he did not spare the ancient world, but protected the eighth, Noah, a preacher of righteousness, having brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly ones; 6 and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, having reduced to ashes, he condemned to destruction, having set an example *of the things that* are going to happen to the ungodly ones; 7 and he rescued righteous Lot, being oppressed by the behavior of the lawless ones in licentiousness, 8 (for, by seeing and by hearing, that righteous *man*, living among them day from day, was tormenting his righteous soul by lawless works); 9 the Lord knows how to rescue godly ones from a trial, and to keep the unrighteous ones to be punished in the day of judgment, 10 but especially the ones going after the flesh in *its* lusts of defilement, and despising authority. Audacious ones! Self-willed ones! They do not tremble while insulting glorious ones; 11 whereas angels, being greater in strength and power, do not bring an insulting judgment against them in the presence of the Lord. 12 But these *men*, as unreasoning animals, having by nature been born for capture and destruction, slandering about *those things* in which they are ignorant, they will also be destroyed in their destruction, 13 being harmed *as* wages of unrighteousness, considering *as* pleasure the reveling in the day, stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions while feasting with you; [b]14 having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing from sin, enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in covetousness, children of cursing. 15 Abandoning the straight way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. [c]16 But he had a rebuke for his own transgression—a mute donkey, having spoken in a voice of a man, restrained the irrationality of the prophet. 17 These *men* are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm, for whom the gloom of darkness has been reserved. 18 For, speaking arrogant things of vanity, they entice by lusts of the flesh, by licentious acts, the ones barely escaping from the ones living in error, 19 promising freedom to them, while themselves being slaves of destruction. (For by what someone has been overcome, by this he has been enslaved.) 20 For if, having escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but, having been entangled again, they have been overcome by these things, for them the last things have become worse than the first things. 21 For it was better for them not to know the way of righteousness than, having known *it*, to turn away from the holy commandment that has been delivered to them. 22 This of the true proverb has happened to them: "A dog returns to its own vomit, and a washed pig to the rolling of mud."

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[a] Some other versions read, *to be kept in pits of lower darkness until the judgment;* [b] Other versions read, *enjoying their actions while they are feasting with you in love feasts.* [c] Some other versions read, *Balaam, son of Beor.*

3 Beloved ones, this *is* now a second letter I write to you,
in which I arouse your pure mind in remembrance, [2] to
remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets
and the command of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,
[3] knowing this first, that mockers will come with mockery in
the last days, going according to their own lusts, [4] and saying,
"Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell
asleep, all things continue in the same way from the beginning
of creation." [5] For this is hidden *from* them willingly, that the
heavens existed long ago, and the earth had been formed out
of water and through water by the word of God, [6] through
which the world at that time perished, having been flooded
by water. [7] But the present heavens and the earth, by the same
word, are having been reserved for fire, being kept for a day
of judgment and destruction of the ungodly men.

[8] But let this one thing not be hidden *from* you, beloved
ones, that one day with the Lord *is* like 1,000 years, and 1,000
years *are* like one day. [9] The Lord does not delay *concerning*
the promise, as some consider delay, but is patient toward you, not
wanting any to perish, but all to move on to repentance. [10] But
the day of the Lord will come as a thief, in which the heavens
will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be
destroyed, being burned up, and the earth and the deeds in it
will be found. [11] All of these things being thus destroyed, of
what sort is it necessary for you to be in holy behaviors and
godliness, [12] waiting for and hastening the coming of the day
of God, because of which the heavens, being set on fire, will be
destroyed, and the elements, being burned up by heat, will be
melted? [13] But new heavens and a new earth, according to his
promise, we are waiting for, in which righteousness dwells.

[14] Therefore, beloved ones, while waiting for these things,
be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by him, in peace.
[15] And consider the patience of our Lord *to be* salvation, just
as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to
the wisdom having been given to him, [16] as also in all the
letters, speaking in them about these things, in which are some
difficult to understand things, which the ignorant and unstable
distort, as also the other scriptures, to their own destruction.
[17] Therefore, you beloved ones, knowing beforehand, guard
yourselves, so that you might not lose your own steadfastness,
having been led astray by the error of the lawless ones. [18] But
grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him *be* the glory both now and to the day of the
age. Amen!