

KEEP ON REMEMBERING THESE THINGS

II PETER 1:12-16

Introduction:

- A. Sometimes we forget things we have said we would never forget.
  - 1. Saying goodbye to school friends.
  - 2. People we meet while on trips.
  - 3. Things of great importance. Anniversaries. Birthdays.
- B. Peter did not want these people to forget.
  - 1. Some had. v9.
  - 2. They had voluntarily done this.

I. IT WAS PETER'S DUTY TO REMIND THEM OF THEIR DUTY.

- A. "Wherefore, I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things."
  - 1. diligent = not to care.
  - 2. "I will ever be sure."
  - 3. remembrance = a putting in mind, by hints or suggestions, a suggesting to one's mind.
- B. Heb. 13:17- "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they must give account."
  - 1. The true Shepherd will not leave the sheep without guidance and reminders.
- C. These people were not ignorant.
  - 1. "though ye know them, and be established in the present truth."
  - 2. establish = to set firmly.
- D. Peter would do it as long as he lived, v13.
  - 1. "as long as I lodge in this body."
  - 2. "to stir you up by way of memories."

II. PETER KNEW HIS LIFE WOULD SOON END. V14.

- A. "since my tent must be folded up soon."
  - 1. Paul felt the same! Phil. 1:23 "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better."
- B. "even as our Lord Jesus Christ has pointed out to me."
  - 1. Jesus told Peter of the nearness of death.
  - 2. We don't have that information.
  - 3. We should prepare for death tomorrow and plan to live to be a hundred.

III. PETER HOPED TO LEAVE REMINDERS. V15.

- A. "But I will see to it that after I am gone you will have means of remembering these things at all times."
  - 1. endeavor = to do the utmost.
  - 2. decease = away out, exodus, Journey departure.
  - 3. remembrance = record of a thing.
- B. How would Peter remind them after his death?
  - 1. By what he taught. Facts.
  - 2. By the life he lived. Ratified.
  - 3. By the training of others. Men he trained.
  - 4. By the written word. This epistle.

IV. "THESE THINGS" WERE THE TRUTH. V16.

- A. "for we have not followed cunningly devised fables"
  - 1. cunning devised = sophisticated = sophidzo.
  - 2. fables = a tale, a story, a legend. Word of mouth.
  - 3. Billy Sunday, Bible and Scholarship can go to hell.
- B. "when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
  - 1. When we told you of His power and His coming.
- C. "but were eyewitnesses of his majesty"
  - 1. a spectator.