

A SUNSHINE MIND
II PETER 3:1-2

Introduction:

- A. Peter re-states his purpose in writing to these Christians.
 - 1. This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds, by way of remembrance.
 - 2. stir = diegeipw = to wake up fully, to rouse; excite, incite.
 - 3. pure = eilikpiwns = judged of in the sunlight, and so found to be genuine; hence unmixed, pure.
 - 4. Remembrance = hinting, suggesting.

- B. These people had memories of a divine nature.
 - 1. They had been told the truth.
 - 2. They had been saved.
 - 3. They had been baptized.
 - 4. They had been scattered.
 - 5. They had been persecuted.
 - 6. They had a tendency to forget.

- C. They were to think about two things.
 - 1. They had "sunshine minds."
 - 2. They could be taught.

I. THEY WERE TO THINK ABOUT THE WORDS OF THE HOLY PROPHETS

- A. "That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets."
 - 1. mindful = to woo for wife, court, sue for
 - 2. They were to court the words of the Holy Prophets.
 - 3. Jude referred to men of old. Jude 4
 - 4. Peter had referred to them earlier. II Peter 1:19-21.

- a. Only reference he could make, the New Testament not yet written.
- b. He did refer to Paul's writings. II Peter 3:15-16.
5. Many of O.T. Prophecies refer to the Messianic Kingdom. Psalm 2:
6. These were the things people should remember.

II. THEY WERE TO THINK ABOUT THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES. U2b

- A. Think about what I taught you.
 1. Many have a wrong concept of preaching.
 - a. Pick and choose a message, not true.
 - b. Preach the Word.
 - c. If a preacher doesn't teach, he isn't preaching.
- B. Think about what others taught you.
 1. Paul v 15-16.
 - a. Titus.
 - b. Timothy.
 - c. Thess.

III. HOW TO HAVE A SUNSHINE MIND.

- A. Think about your personal experiences.
 1. Conviction = salvation = assurance.
 2. All the good things He has done.
- B. Think about what the Bible teaches.
 1. Let us settle every issue by the Book.
 2. Be a hearer and a doer.