Angels Longed to Look (1 Peter 1:12)

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INTRODUCTION

- If only you knew. If only you knew the gift of God.
- The better answer is you need to know self as God defines you.
- If only you knew the truth about prophecy and how valuable it is.

1 Things Into Which Angels Long to Look

2 Peter 1; 1 Peter 1:10–12; Luke 24:44

- The prophets who prophesied of the grace, the favor of God that would come to you, made careful search and inquiry.
- The Spirit of Christ within them was indicating, as he predicted, the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.
- That phrase alone encapsulates the message of the gospel. Due to the sufferings of Christ, glories follow.
- Even God's ministers in heaven did not possess the knowledge of what God was doing. And they anxiously wanted to know.
- The fact that we have the information they wanted should cause some level of interest and excitement in us.
- We have a better perspective, a richer understanding than they did.

2 The Prophet Joel: I Will Pour Out My Spirit

Acts 2

- And it will come about after this that I will pour out my spirit on all mankind.
- The Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, and they announced and preached this message.
- And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- The real Lord who ascends to be at the right hand of the Majesty on high is the one in view here.
- Survivors and salvation and deliverance is associated with Zion. With Jerusalem, it's just spiritual Jerusalem that is in view.

3 The Prophet Isaiah: The Wilderness Becomes a Fertile Field

Isaiah 32:15; Isaiah 49:8–16; 2 Corinthians 6:2

- Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high. And the wilderness becomes a fertile field.
- Where there is desert and destitution, what replaces that because of the Messiah's work is fertility, fruitfulness.
- In the day of salvation I have helped you. Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation.

- Behold, I have inscribed you on the palm of my hands. Your walls are continually before me.
- These passages in Isaiah are saying the new Jerusalem, that's spiritual Israel. That's us, the people of God.
- These blessings are not down the road from us. These are blessings into which angels long to look that we now possess.

4 The Prophet Zechariah: The Apple of His Eye

Zechariah 12:8–10; Revelation 1

- For he who touches you touches the apple of his eye. This is how God feels about Zion.
- Anyone who persecutes his holy people, they have taken up the fight against him.
- This isn't physical Jerusalem. Again, this is the spiritual city.
- Living waters will flow out of Jerusalem. That's what Jesus affords.
- The work that Jesus would do in providing redemption is what the prophets were telling about all the glories that would follow the Messiah's work.

THE CHALLENGE

And don't ever surrender what is infinitely valuable, your inclusion in these things.

MY NOTES