



Mindful of the Prophets (II Peter 3:1-7)

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☑ Pure minds by way of reminder

☑ **First I want to remind you that this entire letter is written as a reminder:** *“For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.” II Peter 1:12 NKJV*

☑ **The first reminder:** to take that FREE FAITH you were given through Christ, and in order of development, add: Virtue, Knowledge, Self-control, Perseverance, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, and Love.

☑ **The second reminder:** Don't ever forget you were ALREADY cleansed from your past sins. Don't live in them like you are still guilty of them, and don't ever go back to them like a dog returning to his vomit. It is the one thing that will shipwreck the first reminder!

☑ Please see these teachings:

- ☑ [The Path to the Divine Nature—Foundational Teaching](#)
- ☑ [The Path to the Divine Nature—Scripture Resources](#)
- ☑ **Mindful of the words of prophets**
 - ☑ **Again mindful of Peter’s very own words earlier in this letter:** *“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that **no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation**, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”* II Peter 1:19-21 NKJV
 - ☑ **Why the prophets?** *“Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”* Amos 3:7 NKJV
 - ☑ What are some of those reminders?
 - ☑ **Never again by flood:** *“Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; **never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.**”* Genesis 9:11 NKJV
 - ☑ No Flood, but instead FIRE!

- ☑ **Burned up:** “The earth mourns and fades away, The world languishes and fades away; The haughty people of the earth languish. The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have **transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant.** Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate. **Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men are left.”** Isaiah 24:4-6 NKJV
- ☑ **Burning like an oven:** ““For behold, the day is coming, **Burning like an oven,** And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. **And the day which is coming shall burn them up,**” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch.” Malachi 4:1 NKJV
- ☑ **Dissolved:** ““When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly. **The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved;** I set up its pillars firmly. Selah” Psalms 75:2-3 NKJV
- ☑ **An unquenchable fire:** “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place—on man and on beast, on

the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground.
And it will burn and not be quenched.” Jeremiah
7:20 NKJV

☑ **Melted like hot wax: “The mountains will melt under Him, And the valleys will split Like wax before the fire, Like waters poured down a steep place.”** Micah 1:4 NKJV

☑ **Rivers dry up; hills melt:** “The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. **He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers.** Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts. The mountains quake before Him, **The hills melt,** And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? **His fury is poured out like fire,** And the rocks are thrown down by Him.” Nahum 1:3-6
NKJV

☑ **Mindful of the teachings of the apostles (about the prophets!) And of course what they learned from Y’shua!**

- ☑ **Fulfilling the prophets:** ““Do not think that I came to destroy the Law **or the Prophets**. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. **Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments**, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:17-19 NKJV
- ☑ **Murdering the prophets:** ““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because you build the tombs of the prophets** and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, ‘**If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.**’ “Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves **that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.**” Matthew 23:29-31 NKJV
- ☑ **Murdering the prophets:** ““O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one **who kills the prophets** and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!” Matthew 23:37 NKJV

- ☑ **Prophets always point to something:** ““Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. **For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.** And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Matthew 11:11-15 NKJV
- ☑ **If you don't believe the prophets:** “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **there is one who accuses you—Moses**, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. **But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”** John 5:45-47 NKJV
- ☑ **If you would have believed the prophets:** “Then He said to them, “**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!** Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” **And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets**, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” Luke 24:25-27 NKJV

☑ *“knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.””* II Peter 3:3-4 NKJV

☑ **The ways of scoffers (notice the common theme!):**

☑ The walk according to their own lusts AKA “the dictates of their own hearts!”:

☑ Obeying Yahweh vs. the dictates of your own heart

☑ “But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’ **Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts,** and went backward and not forward.” Jeremiah 7:23-24 NKJV

☑ “And the LORD said, “Because they have **forsaken My law** which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, **but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts**

and after **the Baals**, which their fathers taught them,""
Jeremiah 9:13-14 NKJV

☑ "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, **but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart;** therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done.' " And the LORD said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. **They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words,** and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers.'" Jeremiah 11:8-10 NKJV

☑ ""Thus says the LORD: 'In this manner I will ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. **This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of their hearts,** and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.'" Jeremiah 13:9-10 NKJV

☑ "And **you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil**

heart, so that no one listens to Me. Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night, where I will not show you favor.'" Jeremiah 16:12-13 NKJV

- ☑ "“Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: **“Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.”** ’ ”
And they said, **“That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart.”**” Jeremiah 18:11-12 NKJV

- ☑ Maybe **the worst outcome** of all when you insist on following the dictates of your own heart...

- ☑ **People forget His name!** ““I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ **How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name** by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, **as their**

fathers forgot My name for Baal.” Jeremiah 23:25-27

NKJV

- ☑ **Note:** Baal means “the lord”. When you ONLY refer to Yahweh or Y’shua as “lord” or even other titles like “God”, and never acknowledge the names...well, if you do that long enough, over enough generations, you just might forget they have names. many people love “the lord” and love “god”! But who is their Lord and God?
- ☑ “And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Ē’nošh. Then men began to call on **the name of the LORD.**” Genesis 4:26 NKJV
- ☑ ““You shall not **take the name of the LORD your God in vain** [Strong’s 7723], for **the LORD** will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.” Exodus 20:7 NKJV
- ☑ **Note:** [Strong's Hebrew 7723: 1) emptiness, vanity, falsehood 1a) emptiness, nothingness, vanity 1b) emptiness of speech, lying 1c) worthlessness (of conduct)]
- ☑ **“I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.”** Isaiah 42:8 NKJV

- ☑ “For “**whoever calls on the name of the LORD** shall be saved.”” Romans 10:13 NKJV (from Joel 2:32)
- ☑ **Note:** over 6800 times, the name of Yahweh was removed from your bible and replaced with the all caps word LORD. Why? Could this cause you to forget His Name?
- ☑ Flesh vs. Spirit
 - ☑ “**I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:** adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **But the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." Galatians 5:16-26 NKJV

☑ **Romans 8!** "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us **who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.** For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God;** for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed

can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” Romans 8:1-8 NKJV

☑ **The mindset of scoffers:**

☑ Where is the promise of His coming? Nothing has changed since creation!

☑ **Life as usual:** ““But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **But as the days of Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came** and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.” Matthew 24:36-42 NKJV

☑ Examples: Paul to Timothy

☑ **Deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons:** “Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times some will depart from the faith**, giving heed to deceiving

spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, **forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving** by those **who believe and know the truth**. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." I Timothy 4:1-5 NKJV

☑ **Lover of all things SELF:** "But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come:** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!" II Timothy 3:1-5 NKJV

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*in the water, by which **the world that then existed perished**, being flooded with water.” II Peter 3:5-6 NKJV*

☑ **They willfully forget the word of God**

☑ **Look around!** “**Now learn this parable from the fig tree:** When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, **I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.** For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **and did not know until the flood came** and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.” Matthew 24:32-39 NKJV

☑ **Warning!** “**By faith** Noah, being **divinely warned** of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the

righteousness which is according to faith.” Hebrews 11:7
NKJV

☑ **The word Tells us...**

☑ First the earth had the land and sea separated:

☑ **The SECOND day of creation:** “Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” Thus God **made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above** the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.” Genesis 1:6-8 NKJV

☑ **The THIRD day of creation:** “Then God said, “**Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear**”; and it was so. And **God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas.** And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is

in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day." Genesis 1:9-13 NKJV

- ☑ Then the whole earth the flooded with water:
- ☑ **No more land!** "Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. **And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.** And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days." Genesis 7:17-24 NKJV

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☑ **That same word of God that tells us about the pre-flood conditions and then tells us about the flood, tell us this...**

☑ The earth is currently being “preserved” allowed to continue as is...but a FIRE is coming!

☑ **FIRE!** “When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another angel, having a **golden censer**, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand. **Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth.** And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled

with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. **And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.** Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning **with fire was thrown into the sea**, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.”

Revelation 8:1-9 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

One Day is a Thousand Years (II Peter 3:8-14)