



- My own attempt at expository sermon (intentionally not topical)
- Peter's 2nd sermon (following Day of Pentecost)
- Let's read: Acts 3:11-26
- Having looked at his "prelude" during LS, I have four observations/lessons

Transition: Notice the HARMONY of scripture throughout — —



- Very first thing that jumps out is “prophet” but really it’s harmony
- Whether “all prophets” or “what God foretold”
- Anchor verse is Malachi - probably all are familiar, but I have noted 20+ other places....
  - Job 23:13-14 - “But he is unchangeable...”
  - Deu 32 - Moses’ song
  - Heb 6:17-18 - “unchangeable character of his purpose”
  - Heb 13:8 - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
  - Jms 1:17 - “no variation or shadow due to change” — — not even a hint (e.g. “shadow”) of change
- It matters b/c really ALL Biblical truths can be marginalized with a “changing God”

TRANSITION: With this in mind, I want to read vss. 17-26 again



- 1 Pet 1:10-13 - serving US —- but go on to 2 Pet 3:1-3 (what TWO things does Peter instruct them to remember?)
- Peter here (3:2) echos...Jesus
  - Whether he referred to his fulfillment
    - Mat 5:17 “do not think I came to abolish the law or prophets but fulfill”
    - Lk 16:16 “Law and Prophets until John [the baptist]” preached the gospel
  - OR whether he summed up gospel principles through L & P
    - Mt 7:12 “for this is the law and prophets” (about the golden rule)
    - OR Mt 22:40 when lawyer tested him about the “greatest commandment”
- Paul: Eph 2:19-22 READ

TRANSITION: So, Peter demonstrates God’s unchanging character and the Prophets foundational role in preaching the covenant —- there’s a 3rd that I found most interesting....there are four periods or times in scripture....



...I found it really interesting Peter's reference to all four — first that he did and second how he did...

1 & 2 aren't unfamiliar but noted by Peter

Vs 18 and vss 21b-24 (and some WERE aware; let's not forget Simeon and Anna)

3 - Vss 20 and 24 - referred to current time in two ways

- First recalls to me Tit 3:3-7
- Second recalls prophets "latter days" or "last days" **(another sermon, "In that day")**
  - But briefly, go back to Acts 2:14-17 — these days were their "last days"
- But this "time of refreshing" also is characteristic of some things happening that Peter points out —
  - Fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)
  - Activity of God's Spirit; Holy Spirit more central work—Jesus' work having been completed **(this is another sermon)**
    - Go back to Paul - Tit 3:5, saved us "by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit"
    - ....which I believe parallels Peter in Acts 2:28 — the promise of the spirit
    - Jesus introduces this next period - Jn 16:5-8
    - Paul puts in human terms - 2 Cor 5:1-5 - we are a "tent" (half-baked)
    - In Eph 4:30 Paul says, "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption"
    - Finally summed in Phil 1:6

Paul in these last two passages refer to "day of redemption" and "the day of Jesus Christ" — similarly....

4 - Vs 21 - Peter notes Jesus' return — based on "all things" but admittedly it could be much broader.....for example

- "restore" could be another trigger word in the Prophets....
- ....they talk extensively about the "restoration" of CERTAIN things - Israel, Jerusalem, tribe of Judah, etc.

- Probably what they're thinking when in Acts 1:6 they ask "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?"
- Remember Jesus telling Peter/James/John after transfiguration "Elijah does come first to restore all things" (Mk 9:12)
- But, I'll stick with the "FUTURE" interpretation and reference 1 Pet 5:10

Summary point - we have/are a part of the "times of refreshing", partake in the blessing of Abram, are sealed until this final day...

TRANSITION - ...and this was Peter's plea to his audience...going back to the first part during LS — CONVICTION





- Summary: Peter's sermon in three parts....
- Begins CONVICTING them and then methodically SUPPORTS his claim
- In Chap 4 we see the RESPONSE