

Five Minute Revival: The Highest Authority in the Universe

Many Bible truths are simple. They may not be easy, but they are simple. Five Minute Revivals focus on truths that will change your Christian experience. Embrace truth that will bring adventure to your walk with God.

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What is the highest authority in the universe? The answer to this question is found in 2 Peter Chapter 1:19-21. See what Peter says about the Bible.

2Pe 1:19-21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

Peter speaks highly of Scripture coming from God to man. But this familiar text has a comparative beginning that is often over looked. Notice the words, "We have a "more sure" word of prophecy." "More sure" than what?

2Pe 1:16-18 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

Peter says the Bible is "more sure" than the experience at the Mount of Transfiguration. Look at this event. God the Father spoke. Jesus is in his full second coming glory

Peter tells us the Bible is "more sure" than if God spoke to us directly. "More sure" than Jesus coming in His full glory. Which begs the question, as to why God would inspire Peter to say God is not the highest authority? Using William Miller's Bible study method, I found an answer.

Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do men say I am?" And Who do you say I am? Mat 16:16-17 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Jesus says that thought came from God. Yet six verses later, Mat 16:23, But he (Jesus) turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Like Peter, we cannot always tell God's voice from Satan's. While we are here on earth, God has, at least until we get to the New Earth, put the Bible as the highest authority. We need this to not be deceived in these last days. For Christians, the Bible is the highest authority in the universe.