

WORTH A CLOSER LOOK

(1 Peter 1:10-12)

A. Our TRIALS TODAY Need Never Take Away Our JOY ABOUT TOMORROW. (v. 6-8a)

B. Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ BY FAITH TODAY Will Become SIGHT TOMORROW. (v 8b-9)

C. Our SALVATION Captivated Even the OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS. (v. 10-12)

* How did the Old Testament prophets respond to God's revelation?

1. The Old Testament prophets _____ and _____ the meaning of the prophecies given them by the Holy Spirit. (v. 10)

a. "Have inquired and searched carefully" –

b. They received revelation regarding:

1) The _____ that would come to us (v. 10b)

* Where do we see God's grace to the Gentiles predicted in the Old Testament?

* In what sense is this "grace" expressed?

2) The _____ of the _____ and the _____ that would follow (v. 11b)

c. The prophets received _____ from the Holy Spirit, but it was _____ (v. 11a)

* In what two ways was the Holy Spirit's revelation incomplete?

Definition of an **Old Testament mystery**: _____

2. The Holy Spirit _____ to the diligent searching of the prophets. (v. 12)

a. The Holy Spirit revealed to them that:

1) "This is _____" – "not to themselves" (v. 12b).

2) They were ministering to people who would live in the distant future: _____
_____ and _____ – "but to us" (v. 12c).

* Does the Old Testament have value for us today?

* What can we learn about ministry from this passage?

3. The things which the prophets sought to understand have now been _____
to us. (v. 12d)

* What things?

* Why are the angels and the prophets so interested in these things?

* "So what?" How does this apply to you?