Finding Purpose: In The Scripture 1 Peter 1:10-12

- I. The Bible Is Primarily A Spiritual Book (10)
 - A. The Bible is a book about "our salvation"
 - B. The Bible is a complex merging of the visible with the invisible
 - C. As such the Bible doesn't teach us about everything: it isn't a book about everything.
- II. The Bible Is A Book About Jesus (11)
 - A. Who He would be (OT)
 - B. Who He is (NT)
 - C. When He would come $(1^{st} Advent)$
 - D. What He would do (suffering for salvation)
 - E. What benefits and blessings would come because of His Incarnation
- III. The Bible Is A Revealed Book (12a)
 - A. Revelation Making something known that otherwise could not be known
 - B. Inspiration Scriptures words are God's words, in the sense that they are intended to communicate (through human means) precisely what God wants us to know about Himself and salvation
 - C. The Bible may not speak about everything, but it speaks truly about everything it addresses.
- IV. The Bible Is A Gift To Us (12b)
 - A. The prophets were serving us
 - B. God was showing us a great kindness
- V. The Bible Is To Be Proclaimed, Regularly A. The Bible should be preached

- B. The Bible should be read or listened to in nonpreaching contexts
- VI. The Bible Should Be Carefully Studied (10a, 12c, 13a)
 - A. The prophets made carefully inquiry
 - B. The angels look into these things
 - C. We are to "prepare our minds for action"