

**Study of 2Peter 1**  
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**2Peter 1:1-21**

*1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Yeshua Messiah,*

What does it mean to be a **SERVANT AND OR AN APOSTLE** of Yeshua Messiah. Well, a true servant and or apostle, **IS** someone that does **EXACTLY** what his master has instructed him to do, he **CANNOT** and will **NOT** do, anything that goes against what His master wants, what he expects of him, or what he has instructed him to do. Furthermore, an apostle, **IS** a messenger, that is sent by his master, to deliver the Master's message, without **adding any of his own words to that message, or taking anything away from the message**, and since Peter **IS**, an **APOSTLE** of Messiah, it means that he brought Messiah's message to all the people he was speaking to, and Messiah has made it perfectly clear what His message is, when He said in *John 7:16 Yeshua answered them, and said, My Doctrine (message) is NOT My own Doctrine, BUT, it is the Doctrine of Him that sent Me.* And Scripture also makes it very clear, that the One that sent Messiah, **IS** our heavenly Father, and therefore we have to ask ourselves, what is our heavenly Father's Doctrine, according to Scripture?

*Proverbs 4:2 For I give you good Doctrine, do NOT forsake My Torah.*

*Proverbs 3:1-2 My son, do NOT forget My Torah (Law); BUT let your heart KEEP My Commandments:*

**WHY?**

*2 For length of days, long life, and peace, SHALL they (the Words of My Torah of Life) add to you.*

Then Peter goes on to say:

*To them that have obtained like PRECIOUS BELIEF with us.*

Here Peter says that the people that he, as a servant and apostle of Messiah, is talking to, or delivering Messiah's message to, have obtained the very same **PRECIOUS BELIEFS** that he, Peter, and all of the Apostles have received from Messiah. Well, it is important that we understand, that since Peter says, he **IS** a **SERVANT** and an **APOSTLE** of Messiah, it means that he believes, follows, obeys, every Word that Messiah spoke to him, or else, he **COULD NOT** and **WOULD NOT BE**, a **servant** or an **apostle** of Messiah.

It is also very important to remember, that Messiah Himself said, in *John 7:16*, that He **DOES NOT** have His own Doctrine, and, He specifically pointed out to us, that He **ONLY** follows the Doctrine of the One that sent Him, and since we know, that it is our heavenly Father that sent Messiah to us, then, that means, that Messiah, believes, follows and obeys the Father's Doctrine, which of course, **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of life, which in turn means, that our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **IS PETER'S PRECIOUS BELIEF.**

Here are but a few *verses* that **confirm** that our heavenly Father's Doctrine **IS** the Words of His Torah of Life, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and said was forever.

*Proverbs 3:1-6*

*1 My son, do **NOT** forget My Torah; **BUT** let your heart Keep My Commandments*

(here we see that the Torah and Commandments are considered synonymous terms, and Yahweh has Commanded His, children **NOT** to forget His Torah):

*2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you.*

(and the life, that obedience to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, will give all people, **IS NOT ONLY** physical Life, **BUT** it also, gives the people that believe, follow, obey and **DO** it, all the days of their lives, **Everlasting Life**, in the kingdom of Elohim, as the Bride of Messiah)

*3 Do **NOT** let **MERCY** and **TRUTH** forsake you:*

(According to *Psalms 119:142*, the Words of the Torah, and **TRUTH** are synonymous terms)

*Bind them (the Words of the Torah) about your neck;*

*Write them (the Words of Torah) upon the table of your heart:*

(And if you do that, **IF** you bind the Torah about your neck and write the Torah on your heart, **THEN**)

*You shall find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man. **TRUST** in Yahweh with all your heart; and do **NOT** lean on your own understanding. In all your ways **acknowledge** Yahweh, and He **SHALL** direct your path.*

*Proverbs 4:2 For I give you good doctrine, **DO NOT FORSAKE MY TORAH.***

Now, there are many, many Scriptures that confirm that our heavenly Father wants **ALL** of His children to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His Torah, for His Torah, according to our heavenly Father Himself, **IS LIFE FOR US**, and since our heavenly Father has made it very clear throughout Scripture, that He does **NOT not want EVEN ONE Person to Perish, IT IS, OR SHOULD BE VERY OBVIOUS** that our heavenly Father wants **ALL** of His children to willingly and lovingly believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in My children, Yisrael, that they would fear Me, and Keep **ALL** My Commandments (Torah) always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!*

Next Peter says:

*To them that have obtained like precious **BELIEFS** with us, **BY** and **THROUGH** the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Elohim and our Saviour Messiah Yeshua (the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh):*

According to Scripture, what **IS** the **Righteousness** of Elohim and the **Righteousness** of our Saviour Yeshua Messiah, that Peter says, **they have obtained PRECIOUS GIFTS from?**

We are told what the definition of **Righteousness IS**, in *Deuteronomy 6:24-25* where it says: *And Yahweh Commanded us to do all these Statutes (Torah), to fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good*

always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. 25 And it shall be our **RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL** these Commandments (Torah) before Yahweh our Elohim, **AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.**

Again and again, throughout Scripture, **ALL** of our heavenly Father's Prophets, **ALL** of Messiah's Apostles, and **ALL** of their disciples, together with Messiah, have admonished **ALL** people **to TURN, or RETURN to** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and learn to lovingly believe, follow and obey them.

*Verse 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you **through the knowledge** of Elohim,*

Let's think about this for a moment, **IF** Grace and Peace **IS** multiplied onto us, **through the KNOWLEDGE** of Elohim, as Peter says, then we need to **KNOW, WHAT** the **KNOWLEDGE** of Elohim **IS, IF** we want His Grace and Peace to be multiplied unto us, unto our Lives?

The word **KNOWLEDGE**, is the Hebrew word Da'at, דַּעַת, which means, knowledge, wisdom, intelligence, and throughout Scripture, we are told that our heavenly Father's **WISDOM, IS** contained in the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life.

*Proverbs 1:7 The fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of **knowledge**: **BUT** fools despise **Wisdom and instruction**. 8 My son, **hear (Shema)** the instruction of your father, and do **NOT** forsake the Torah of your mother: 9 For they shall be an ornament of Grace unto your head, and chains about your neck.*

The word *Shema* means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey what you have been told)

*Proverbs 2:3 Yea, if you cry after **knowledge**, and lift up your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver, and search for her, as for hidden treasures; 5 Then, you **SHALL** understand the fear of Yahweh, and find the **knowledge** of Elohim. 6 **For Yahweh gives wisdom: out of His Mouth comes knowledge and understanding**. 7 He lays up sound **Wisdom** for the **righteous** (the people that have willingly and lovingly chosen to believe, follow and obey, the Words of His Torah of Life): *He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.* (Scripture makes it very clear that what comes out of Yahweh Elohim's mouth **ARE** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life)*

*Proverbs 2:10 When **wisdom** (Torah) enters into your heart, and **knowledge** is pleasant unto your soul; 11 **Discretion shall PRESERVE you, understanding shall KEEP you**: 12 **To deliver you from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaks froward things;***

*Proverbs 9:10 The fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of **Wisdom**: and the **Knowledge** of the Holy, **IS understanding**.*

*Deuteronomy 4:5-8 Behold, I have taught you Statutes and Judgments, even as Yahweh my Elohim Comanded me, that you should **DO SO** in the Land where you go to possess it. Keep therefore and **DO THEM** (the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life); for this **IS** your **WISDOM** and your **UNDERSTANDING** in the sight of the nations, who shall hear all these Statutes (Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life), and say, Surely this great nation is a **WISE** and **UNDERSTANDING** people. For what nation is there so **GREAT**, who has Elohim so near unto them, as Yahweh our Elohim **IS**, in **ALL** things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so **GREAT**, that have*

*Statutes and Judgments so RIGHTEOUS as ALL this Torah, which I, Mosheh, set before you this day?*

As you can see, the Scripture quite clearly points out that the **Knowledge** and **Wisdom** of Yahweh **IS** contained in the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His Torah, His eternal **TRUTH**.

Then Peter goes on to tell us how Yahweh dispenses His **KNOWLEDGE** to us, in *verse 3*, he says:

*According as His divine power, Yahweh has given unto us, ALL things that pertain unto life and godliness,*

What **ARE** the things that pertain unto Life and Godliness that Yahweh has given us, and through what means, did He give them to us? Peter continues and explains to us, how the **KNOWLEDGE** of Yahweh is conveyed to us, he says:

*Through the knowledge of Him that has called us to GLORY and VIRTUE*

(Who has called us to Glory, and what **IS** Glory? The word Glory, is from the Greek word Doxa, it is Strong's number G1391 δόξα, dóxa from the base of 1380, and it means, glory, and it is used in a wide application, literally or figuratively, it means, objective or subjective, **dignity, glory, glorious, honour, praise, worship**. The word **virtue** is from the Greek word **Arete**, it is Strong's Number 703 ἀρέτη, arētē, from the same as 730; properly, **manliness, valour, excellence**, whether intrinsic or attributed, it means, **praise, virtue**, and it is from the Hebrew word, Hod, which is Strong's number, H1935, הוד, which is from an unused root; and means, **grandeur**, an imposing form and appearance, **beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honour, majesty**)

**WHO** is the One that has called us to **Glory, honour and Virtue?**

(Who has called us, to dignity, excellency, glory, honour, praise and worship)

Scripture makes it quite clear that it **IS** Yahweh/Messiah that has called us to Glory, and part of the definition of the word Glory, **is to worship**. Therefore, Peter is telling us that Yahweh/Messiah has called us to **worship** our heavenly Father; and when we do that, when we Obey Yahweh/Messiah, and do indeed choose to worship our heavenly Father, as we are commanded to do, that is when Yahweh fills us with His Virtue, because, a person cannot worship our heavenly Father, without first surrendering their heart, mind, soul and strength to Him in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life.

If that is the case, which Scripture emphatically proclaims that it is, **THEN**, we have to answer the question, **WHO** is this Messiah, that Scripture tells us, calls us to Glory and Virtue?

*John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with Elohim, and the WORD WAS ELOHIM. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. ALL things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In him was LIFE; and THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. And the LIGHT shines in darkness; and the darkness does NOT comprehend it.*

*John 1:14 And the WORD was made flesh,*

(Please understand, that the very same **WORD** that was Life in Messiah, the **WORD** that

animated Messiah's Body, was the Light of men, and that Light, which happens to be the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, was made flesh)

*And* (that same word, that was made flesh) **DWELT** among us, and **WE**,  
(that would be all the Apostles and all their disciples, that saw Messiah)

*Beheld His GLORY*,  
(the word Glory is the Hebrew word, Kavod which means, honour, splendour, glory, abundance, riches)

*The GLORY as of the only begotten of the Father,*

*Who IS, Full of GRACE and TRUTH.*

The word **GRACE** is defined in Scripture as, *Favour* and the word **TRUTH** is defined as the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father in *Psalm 119:142*, and many other places.

**TRUTH** is also defined as:

The Commandments of Yahweh (*Psalm 119:151*)  
The Word of Yahweh, (*Psalm 119:160 and John 17:17*),  
And the Gospel of Yahweh, (*Ephesians 1:13*)

*Verse 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding Great and Precious Promises:*

Now the question has to be asked, **WHAT ARE** these *exceedingly great and Precious Promises that according to Peter, are given to us?*

They are:

1 – The Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, His Son, who of course is our promised Redeemer and Saviour,

2 – It is a Promised Land, the kingdom of Elohim, that those who have willingly and lovingly chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, will inherit.

3 - It is **ALL** of His countless blessings, for a long, prosperous, healthy, joyful life, **AND** His promise of eternal salvation, for all the people who chose to persevere in keeping all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, to the end of their lives, who will dwell in His Kingdom, and in His presence, for eternity!

*That by these* (His exceedingly **Great and Precious Promises**) **YOU**  
(that is speaking to you and me, and to all people, who choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life)

*Might be partakers of the Divine Nature*

(the omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence of our heavenly Father and His Son our Messiah, Yahweh Elohim),

*Having escaped the corruption that is in the world through **Lust**.*

Now lets take a moment and recap what Peter has just told us here, that Yahweh, who is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, has indeed given us, **ALL** we need to escape the **lusts of our own flesh, which most of us succumb to, on a daily basis**. It is just like James told us in *James 4:7 We have to Submit ourselves therefore to **Elohim**; Resist the devil, and he, the devil, **WILL** flee from us.*

The key factor in being able to take advantage of all the things that Yahweh has given us, to help us **ESCAPE the lusts of our own flesh, IS**, accepting Elohim's help, **BY** first **LEARNING** to fully submit our hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, and then, **allowing** our heavenly Father's Holy Spirit, to **CAUSE** us the believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

*Verse 5 And beside this, giving **ALL** diligence, to Add to your **Faith**, Pistis, belief, **Virtue***

(The word, **Faith**, is the Greek word, Pistis, and it means, credence, moral conviction of our heavenly Father's Truth, **belief**, fidelity.

(The word, **Virtue**, is the Greek word, Arete, which is Strong's number G703 ἀρέτη, arētē, pronounced, ar-et'-ay, which means, grandeur, an imposing form and appearance, beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honour, majesty);

*And to virtue, add **knowledge***

(Da'at, דַּעַת, means knowledge, wisdom, intelligence);

*And to knowledge, add, **temperance***

(self-control, moderation, restraint);

*And to temperance, add, **patience***

(endurance, constancy, forbearance

*And to patience, add, **godliness***

(piety, piousness, holiness)

*And to godliness, add, **brotherly kindness***

(Philadelphia, brotherly love, love of the brethren);

*And to brotherly kindness, add **charity***

(agápē, love,)

Now why did Peter give us the qualities that we are to emulate in the order that he did? I believe he did that because, it shows us, the proper progression that we are to take, in order to come from immaturity in the Ways and the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, to maturity, and being mature in the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, means, that we must be willingly and lovingly compliant to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. **WE**, you and I, have to understand, that **IF** anyone chooses to add **knowledge**, before they add **virtue**, **then**, they will more than likely be **puffed up**, by what they have learned, and then, start believing that they are somehow smarter than other people, **BUT, IF** we begin, as Peter has recommended we do, and that **IS**, with a **virtuous heart, a heart that is filled with Yahweh's excellence, His Love, His glory, His honour, and His majesty, not our own**, then, all the knowledge that we acquire from that point on, will make us more and more **humble**. And, when we have that kind of **humble heart**, the very same kind of heart that Solomon started off with, then, Yahweh will gladly bless us, with more and more of His knowledge, for He knows, that such a person, **WILL deal patiently with all people**. He knows that the virtuous person, will live a pious and holy life, and that that person will remember, he will Zakar, he

will speak and act on behalf of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life in his heart, he will speak and act on what Yahweh has commanded us to, he will speak on how all of us are to be Holy as He is Holy. Yahweh also knows, that the virtuous person will love the brethren, and because of that love, that virtuous person, will gladly teach all people the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, because, **LIKE** our heavenly Father, he too, does **NOT** want anyone to perish, and he knows in his heart, that the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **ARE LIFE** to all people who choose to willingly and lovingly believe, follow, and obey them, and finally, he will have our heavenly Father's deep seated love for all of His creation, and do whatever he can to win souls for the kingdom of Elohim.

*Verse 8 For **IF** these things are in you, and abound,*

What things does Peter want us to internalize that they may **abound in us**? Peter is talking about the things that are taught to us in the Torah of our heavenly Father, the things that cause people to believe, follow, and obey all **the Words of His Torah of Life** with a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart, and those things are *virtue, knowledge, self control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and **LOVE***.

Next Peter says something that is almost impossible to believe, he says in the balance of *verse 8*

**That IF** we have learned to internalize these things, **IF** virtue, knowledge, self control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and **LOVE are well embedded in our hearts, IF** these qualities become part of our daily lives, **IF** we willingly choose to internalize the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions contained in the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **IF** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah **ARE indeed in us, They**, (the words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, that we have chosen to internalize) *will make it so, that we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Master, Yeshua Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.*

Now take a moment and contemplate the importance of what Peter has just told us here! Think on how marvellous this is! Peter says, that **IF** we willingly choose make these attributes, *virtue, knowledge, self control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and **LOVE***, which are attributes that come to all people who willingly and lovingly choose to internalize, believe, follow, and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, with surrendered contrite obedient hearts, then **WE**, according to Peter, shall neither be **barren** nor **unfruitful** in the **KNOWLEDGE** of our Master Yeshua the Messiah, who happens to be, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh.

That is so exciting for me, and I hope you understand why I am this excited? It is because, this means, that we **WILL HAVE THE MIND OF MESSIAH**, the very same mind that Paul says, in *2Corinthians 2;16*, we will have, which means, that we too will confess to the whole world, that our Doctrine is **NOT our own doctrine, BUT that it IS the Doctrine of our heavenly Father**, which of course, **IS** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, His Directives for everlasting Life. Let that sink in for a moment; for **IF** you and I, can actually do that, **IF** we can internalize the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, **THEN**, according to Peter, we will have the Mind of Messiah, for Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

Verse 9 *But he that lacks these things **IS BLIND**,*

He that lacks what things?

Everything that Peter has mentioned that is contained in the **KNOWLEDGE** of Elohim, everything that is contained in the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, that Yahweh freely imparts to all people, who willingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father.

Peter says that these people, the people that have willingly chosen *to reject the **FACT*** that the Father's Torah of Life **IS ETERNAL** and, that the Words of His Torah of Life, will be in full force for all of eternity, including the days that you and I are now living in, and, who instead, choose of their own volition, to change the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, into something that they believe, is better suited for them, which happens to be, the traditions of their fathers, or even worse, they have chosen to abolish the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life in whole or in part, then these people, according to Peter, **ARE** the people that are **BLIND**;

*And cannot see afar off, And (Furthermore) they have forgotten that they were purged from their **OLD SINS**.*

Here, as a reminder, I believe, that it is important that I define what Sin actually **IS**, according to Scripture. *1John 3:4 Whosoever commits Sin transgresses also the Torah: **for Sin IS the transgression of the Torah.***

Please remember, that Peter's ministry was to the people of Yisrael, who supposedly **KNEW** the Torah, and therefore, Peter is saying, that the people of Yisrael, that do **NOT** believe **AND** continue to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **ARE people, that have forgotten that they were purged from their past Torah Transgressions, their Torahless behaviour, their past Sins**, and have unfortunately, chosen to turn or return to their past destructive ways of Life, which means, that they have once again chosen to return to a Torah transgression, or sinful way of Life.

*Romans 3:21-26 But now the **Righteousness of Elohim** apart (or separate from) the Torah, **IS manifested, being witnessed BY the Torah and the prophets**; 22 Even the **Righteousness of Elohim** which is by belief of Yeshua Messiah (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) **unto all and upon all them that believe**:*

Them that believe what? Them that believe the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

*For there is no difference: 23 For **ALL** have sinned (**ALL** have transgressed the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life), and come short of **the glory of Elohim**; 24 Being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua:*

(people are justified by Messiah's sacrifice on the cross, which means that Messiah's sacrifice has removed the death penalty, for all people who willingly choose to confess and repent of their transgressions of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and then, make a commitment, to no longer transgress the Words of His Torah of Life, **BUT** instead, choose to willingly and lovingly believe follow and obey them)

25 Whom Elohim has set forth to be a **propitiation** through belief in His blood

(the blood that Messiah shed on our account, represents His Torah obedient Life that He willingly and lovingly chose to live, while He was here on earth with us, the same Torah obedient Life that Messiah, wants all of us to live by, because, Scripture makes it very clear that the Life of all flesh, **IS** in the blood, so the blood that Messiah spilled for us, represents, His Torah Obedient **LIFE**),

To declare His **Righteousness FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS THAT ARE PAST**, through the forbearance of Elohim; 26 To declare, I say, at this time His **Righteousness**: that He might be **JUST**, and the **JUSTIFIER** of him who believes in Yeshua, the Words of the living Torah made flesh.

It is important that we all understand that when we first choose to willingly and lovingly surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and make the commitment to believe, follow and obey all the Words of His Torah of Life, that at that time, our heavenly forgives **ALL OF OUR PAST SINS, BUT NOT OUR FUTURE SINS**. To get forgiveness for all of our future Sins, which we will no doubt commit, we must first confess to our heavenly Father that we have indeed Sinned, and Scripture makes it very clear in 1John 1:7-10 But, **IF** we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Yeshua the Messiah, His Son cleanses us from all Sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth (the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father) **IS NOT IN US**. 9 If on the other hand, we do indeed confess our Sins, He is faithful and just **TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. 10 If we say that we have **NOT SINNED**, we make Him a Liar, and His Word (His Torah) is **NOT** in us.

How does Scripture define the type of **Righteousness**, that Peter claims Messiah has?

Deuteronomy 6:25 And it shall be our **Righteousness, IF** we observe to do **ALL** these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, **AS HE HAS COMMANDED US**.

The **Righteousness** that Scripture tells us, that Messiah **HAS, IS HIS LOVING SURRENDERED WILLINGNESS, TO OBEY ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 10 Wherefore brethren, it is better to give diligence to make **your calling and election SURE**:

What calling and what election is Peter speaking of, that we are to make **SURE**? What are we called to do and who has done the calling?

Our heavenly Father is the One that has called all people to come to Him, **BUT**, through His foreknowledge, of what is contained in people's hearts, He only selects the people that He knows will willingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, and who will willingly and lovingly, choose to commit to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Therefore, **to ensure that our calling and election IS SURE, IT IS EVERY TRUE BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBILITY**, to willingly and lovingly continue on a daily basis, to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, to **CAUSE** them, to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, thereby ensuring that their **Election and calling ARE SURE**. It is really up to us to follow in Messiah's Torah obedient footsteps, for it is the only way, that we can and will work out our own salvation.

Now Peter tells us what will happen **IF** we ensure that are **calling and election is guaranteed!**

For **IF** you do these things, **IF** you continue on a daily basis, to believe, follow, and obey what our heavenly Father has commanded **ALL** of His children to **FOLLOW and OBEY**, which is, believe, follow and obey the Words of My Torah of Life, **THEN, You shall NEVER FALL:**

Next, Peter continues on and says something that should be soothing music to every believer's ears, he says in *verse 11*

*For so an **ENTRANCE SHALL be ministered unto YOU abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Master and Saviour Yeshua, Messiah.***

The word **ministered** used here in this *verse* is Strong's Number G2023 ἐπιχορηγέω, epichorēgēō, which is from Strong's number G1909 and G5524; and which means, to **furnish, to fully supply, to aid or contribute, to lead, add, minister.**

Now this has such far reaching consequences that **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERSTATE IT'S IMPORTANCE.** Peter has **JUST** told us, that **IF** we do the things that our heavenly Father has Commanded us to do, **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **THEN an ENTRANCE into HIS EVERLASTING KINGDOM, SHALL be ministered, provided and or shown to every believer that willingly chooses to follow that PATH,** to the believer that willingly and lovingly chooses to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

However, we **MUST realize and NOT forget, that the REVERSE IS ALSO TRUE,** and that reality **IS,** that the **ENTRANCE** into our heavenly Father's everlasting **KINGDOM WILL NOT be ministered, provided, nor shown,** to **THOSE** who have willingly chosen to **REJECT** and continue on a daily basis, to **REJECT** the Words of Father's Torah of Life, **REJECT** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting Life; which means that like the five **UNWISE** virgins, they too will be on the outside of the kingdom of Elohim, which is just another way of saying they will be lost forever.

*Verse 12 Therefore I, Peter WILL NOT be negligent to put YOU always in remembrance of these things, Though you know them,*

What does Peter want these people to remember? He wants them to remember what he has been teaching them ever since Messiah died on the cross, as the propitiation for our Sins, for our transgressions of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. He wants all of us to remember, to **ZAKAR**, to speak and act on behalf of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us, because it **IS OUR LIFE**, the path to our everlasting Life in His Kingdom.

*And even though you are established in the present **TRUTH.***

As I have shown you above, and in many other teachings, the word **TRUTH** in Scripture is defined as the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, His Commandments, His Word and His Gospel. Therefore, Peter is telling these people, that **EVEN** though they are well established in believing, following, and

obeying the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, I, Peter, think it is good for me, to keep reminding you of that **FACT**, and, as long as I am on this side of the Father's everlasting kingdom, I will continue to emphasize the importance of believing following, obeying and **DOING** the Father's Torah of Life, every day of your lives.

*Verse 13 Yea, I think it good, As long as I am in this tabernacle*

(Peter's physical fleshly body, a tabernacle made without hands),

*To stir you up, by putting you in remembrance*

(Zakar, by reminding you that you are to speak and act on behalf of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, each and every day of your life).

*Verse 14 Knowing that shortly, I Peter, **MUST** put off this, my tabernacle*

(knowing that I must die soon, and put off this earthly body),

*Even as our Master Yeshua Messiah has showed me*

(Messiah showed Peter that even though, He physically died, that He, Messiah, through the power of our heavenly Father, was resurrected, **BECAUSE**, Messiah willingly and lovingly chose to believe, follow, and obey what our heavenly Father Commanded Him to do, and that is, walk in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, which means that Messiah **DID** the **WILL** of our heavenly Father, rather than doing His own will.

*Verse 15 Moreover I will endeavour that you may be able after my decease to have these things **always in remembrance.***

Peter says that while he is alive, he will do everything in his power to ensure that the people that he teaches, understand the importance of **internalizing**, believing, following, and obeying the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, everyday of their lives.

*Verse 16 For we have **NOT** followed cunningly devised **fables**,*

(fables, is Strong's number G4679, and G4679, σοφίζω, Sophízō, pronounced, Sof-id'-zo, it is from G4680; which means, to render wise, in a sinister acceptance, to form sophism, **false beliefs, fallacy**, continue plausible error; lies, cunningly devised)

Peter says, I and the people that are with me, have **NOT** followed false beliefs, **NOR** any fallacies, and that means, that we have only taught you the Words of our heavenly Father's Truth, the Words of His Torah of Life, *When we made known unto you the power and coming of our Master Yeshua Messiah, 17 For He, Messiah, received from Elohim the Father, Honour and Glory, when there came such a Voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, (the Words of My Living Torah made flesh) In whom **I am well pleased.***

Here Peter affirms that what he teaches did **NOT** come from man, but that it came directly from the mouth of our heavenly Father, as well as the words that He spoke, saying, *This is My Son in whom I am well pleased.*

To help you understand the meaning of these words let us go to *Romans 8:6-8 For they that are **after the flesh** (they that give in to their fleshly desires, the Torah transgressors) do mind the things of the **FLESH**; **BUT** they, that are after the Spirit, do mind the things of the Spirit (they obey the Words of the Torah, read *Ezekiel 36:26-27*). For to be carnally minded (which means, to reject the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Farther, *Romans 6:23*) **IS** Death; **BUT** to be spiritually minded, (to be*

Torah obedient) **IS** *Life and peace. Because the carnal mind* (the mind that rejects the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) **IS** *at enmity against Elohim:*

**WHY** is the carnal, Torahless mind, at enmity against our heavenly Father?

**IT IS BECAUSE IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE TORAH, THE LAW OF ELOHIM, Neither indeed can be. So then, they that are IN THE FLESH** (they that reject the Words of the Father's Torah of Life in whole or in part) **CANNOT PLEASE ELOHIM.**

Since we are told that our heavenly Father was indeed **PLEASED** with His beloved Son, our Messiah, it should make it perfectly clear to all people, that Messiah did indeed believe, follow and obey, all the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, otherwise, our heavenly Father would **NOT** have said that He was **PLEASED** in His Son.

*But we were eyewitnesses of His majesty*

(Peter says that he actually saw the majesty, the splendour, the awesomeness of Messiah, especially since he was a witness of Messiah being glorified, and transfigured by His Father on the Mount)

*Verse 18 And this Voice* (the Father's Voice) *which came from heaven, **WE HEARD**, when we were with Him, Messiah in the holy mount of transfiguration.*

Here Peter reassures and affirms to us, that he did indeed hear the Voice of our heavenly Father, when He said, *this **IS** My Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

*Verse 19 We have also a **more sure** Word of prophecy;*

Peter says that he has a **more sure** word of prophecy, **BECAUSE** he got his Words from Messiah, who got them directly from His, and our, heavenly Father.

*Whereunto you do well that you take **heed**, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, Until the day dawn, And the **DAYSTAR** arise in your hearts:*

Here Peter is using a metaphor to get his point across, he says, that we, as believers, are to take heed, we are to pay very close attention to the things that are happening around us, just like we would pay attention to a light that shines in a dark place, because, that Light, can and will guide us to safely. For the Light or enlightenment, will help us to navigate our way through the darkness, to safety. Please understand that in this metaphor, the Light that shines in a dark place, **IS** Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, and the dark place, is the world that you and I are now living in. *John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the Light of men. And the Light **SHINES IN DARKNESS**; and the darkness, does not, nor can it comprehend it.*

How long are we to pay attention to this Light, that shines in the Darkness? We are pay attention onto it until Messiah, the Day Star, the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh returns, and fills our hearts with Joy.

*Verse 20 Knowing this first, that **NO** prophecy of the Scripture **IS** of any private interpretation.*

In this *verse*, Peter admonishes us **NOT** to take a single *verse* in Scripture and build a whole theology around it, for **ALL** *verses* in the Scriptures, which includes **ALL** *verses* in all the languages that the Scriptures are translated in, absolutely **MUST LINE UP** with our heavenly Father's **WILL**; and Yahweh has made the Father's **WILL** perfectly clear in the Words of His Torah of Life.

Abraham is the father of all believers according to many Scripture *Romans 4:16-19 Therefore it is of belief, that it might be by grace; to the end the Promise might be SURE to all the seed; NOT to that only which is of the Torah, but to that also which is of the beliefs of Abraham; WHO IS THE FATHER OF US ALL, (As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations), before Him whom he believed, even Elohim, who quickens the dead, and calls those things which are NOT as though they WERE. Who against hope believed in hope, that he, Abraham, might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

*Genesis 26:3-5 Yitzchaq, you are to Sojourn in this land, and I Yahweh will be with you, and will bless you; for unto you, and unto your seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham your father; And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto your seed all these countries; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham OBEYED My Voice, and KEPT My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah.*

*Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in the people of Yisrael, that they would fear Me, and KEEP, SHAMAR, GUARD ALL My Commandments ALWAYS, that it might be well with them, and with their children FOR EVER!*

Please notice, that Yahweh says **ALL** of His Commandments, and **NOT** just the ones that people believe are relevant for them, and discard the rest of the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Deuteronomy 6:24-25 And Yahweh Commanded us TO DO ALL THESE STATUTES, to fear Yahweh our Elohim (the Fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom), for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.*

Again Yahweh commands us to keep and **DO** all of the Father's Commandments, contained in the Father's Torah of Life, which means that we are **NOT TO CHANGE ANY OF THEM, NOR DISCARD ANY OF THEM.**

*Micah 5:8 He has showed you, O man, what is GOOD; and what does Yahweh require of you, but to do JUSTLY, and to love MERCY, and to walk HUMBLY with your Elohim?*

The word **GOOD** used here, in *Micah 6:8* is the Hebrew word *Tov*, which does mean good, but, it has a much more profound meaning than just **GOOD**, it means, functioning in the manner that Yahweh created us function, therefore this *verse* should read,

*He has showed you, O man, in what manner you are to function, and what Yahweh requires of you, and that is, you must **function** in a **JUST** manner, and you must **function** with **MERCIFUL LOVE** in your heart, and you are to **function** in humbleness before your Elohim?*

*Verse 21 For the prophecy did **NOT** come in old time by the will of man: **BUT**, holy men of Elohim spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

This of course is speaking of Yahweh's prophets of old, who told everyone they spoke to, to return, to teshuvah to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, for without loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, the only thing that remains **IS EVERLASTING DEATH**.  
*Amein!*

*Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.*

*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem! Amein*