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Advent Hope

1 Peter 1

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Familiarity breeds contempt,' holds true for Christianity as well, for I suppose most believers eventually incline to treating their salvation as commonplace... **M. Mills**

The prophets plainly saw that the grace which was to come under the Messiah's kingdom was vastly superior to anything that had ever been exhibited under the law...**Adam Clarke**

Inquiring (Seeking to Know) – to search; to examine

They made all possible inquiry, and searched as after grains of gold, hidden among sand or compacted with ore, in order to ascertain the time, and the signs of that time, in which this wondrous display of God's love and mercy to man was to take place... **Adam Clarke**

Habakkuk 2

14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Long - to fix the desire upon or have one's affections directed toward something.

To look - to stoop to a thing in order to look at it; to look at with head bowed forward

Honoring God's Gift of Salvation

1) Preparing Your Minds for Action

Proverbs 4

23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Psalm 139

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2) Being Sober-minded

1 John 4

4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

3) Set Your Hope Fully on God's Grace

Hope - A desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable. Webster 1828

Colossians 1

5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel

Ephesians 2

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

1 Corinthians 13

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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