

Things Into Which Angels Long To Look

1 Peter 1:10-12

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 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.

Concerning this **salvation**

obtaining the outcome of your faith,
the **salvation** of your souls.

the **prophets** who **prophesied**
about the grace that was to be yours

1 Kings 22:4

But Micaiah said, “As the LORD lives,
**what the LORD says to me, that
I will speak.”**

2 Peter 1:21

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, **but men spoke from God** as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

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the grace that was to be yours

Numbers 6:25

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be **gracious** to you

Psalm 103:3-4

forget not all his benefits, who **forgives all
your iniquity**, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit, who
crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

Jonah 4:2

for I knew that you are a **gracious** God and
merciful, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

John 1:16-17

For from his fullness we have all received, **grace upon grace**. For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**.

Titus 2:11

For the **grace** of God **has appeared**, bringing salvation **for all people**

There was never any question in the Old Testament about whether God was gracious, He's always been who He is. But there was a surpassing grace to come. There was a greater grace to come than they had even seen in Nineveh, or in Israel. There was a grace that went way beyond anything they had assumed.

– John MacArthur



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Daniel 8:15

When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it.

Daniel 12:8

I heard, but I did not understand.
Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?"

The Spirit of Christ did not inspire the prophets apart from their own involvement in the message. Their prophecies excited their own hopes; they yearned for fuller and clearer revelation . They sought to interpret the oracles they received, inquiring into the time when God's great salvation would come. But the full meaning of their prophecies could not appear until Christ appeared.

– Wayne Grudem



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Spirit of Christ in them was
indicating when **he predicted the**
sufferings of Christ and the
subsequent glories.

John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you **before the world existed.**

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Zechariah 13:7

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones.

The Son of God in Heaven, has been contemplating his suffering and his death for us for centuries. Indeed as far back as the plan of salvation reaches in the mind of God, so far back has Christ been willing and ready to give himself for our sins. You were not loved for just a bloody moment of sacrifice in history. You have been loved for endless ages in the eternal plan of the Father and the Son to save sinners who trust in him.

– John Piper



Luke 24:25-26

And he said to them, “O foolish ones,
and slow of heart to believe **all that
the prophets have spoken!** Was it
not necessary that the Christ should
**suffer these things and enter into
his glory?”**

It was revealed to them that they were **serving not themselves but you**, in the things that have now been announced to you

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days **was written for our instruction**, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1 Corinthians 10:11

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they **were written down for our instruction**, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Hebrews 11:13

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but **having seen them and greeted them from afar**, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

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,

See the kind of preaching that we should all desire to hear, and that all God's ministers should aim at: "them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven." Nothing but a gospel full of the energy of the Holy Spirit, and set on fire by him, can effect the eternal purposes of God; but this is the kind of preaching that will live, and that will also make men live. God send it to every church and congregation throughout the world! Amen.

– Charles Spurgeon



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Ephesians 3:10

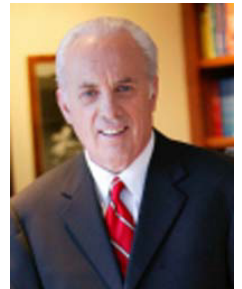
so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now **be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.**

Luke 10:24

For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

What a salvation! It is the preoccupation of prophets, it is the preoccupation of the Holy Spirit, the preoccupation of the Apostles, and it is even the preoccupation of the angels. How about you? That's one reason we're here, to focus again on the glory of our salvation.

– John MacArthur



This is the great privilege of the church age: the enjoyment of salvation in Christ. It is so great that even the angels are looking down to gain a view, like wedding attendees attempting to steal a glance at the bride before her appearance. The angels are brought in here, not to invite us to speculate about their activities, but to press on our minds the privileges of salvation; neither the prophets nor the angels experience what the church enjoys.

– Scot McKnight

