



A Final Reminder (An Introduction to the Conclusion)

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2 Peter 3:1-2



1 Beloved, this is already the second letter I have written to you in which I am trying to stir up your sincere mind by way of reminder: **2** that [you] remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord

and Savior spoken by your apostles.

— 2 Peter 3:1-2 (as translated from the Greek New Testament by the speaker)

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I. Peter's Final Reminder: An Introduction to the Letter's Conclusion (3:1-2)

A. The Intention in Our Remembrance: That Our Minds be Revived (v. 1)

1. Peter begins with a reminder of the fact that these first c. believers were dearly loved

a. "Beloved" (cf. NIV: "dear friends")

b. Noun *agap tos* refers to the object of one's affection, one who is loved, beloved, or dear

c. A reflection of Peter's pastoral heart

2. Verb *deigeir* ("to stir up") is the same word we saw back in 1:13

a. Yet this isn't raw emotionalism – the gateway to a redeemed heart is through the mind

(1) "Sincere mind"

The purest minds need stirring up at times. It would be a great pity to stir up impure minds. That would only be to do mischief; but pure minds may be stirred as much as you please, and the more the better. There are hallowed memories in the minds of all Christians; but those memories are apt to lie asleep, and it is well to ring the alarm bell, and wake up all the memories within the believer's heart, even as Peter did when he wrote, "I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance." [Spurgeon]

B. The Direction of Our Remembrance: That We be Found Faithful (v. 2)

1. Holy prophets of the past = the OT prophets (esp. see Isa. 5:18-25; Ezek. 12:21-28; Jer. 5:11-13; Amos 9:10)

2. And the Commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles