

Final Words from Peter

THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER

2 PETER

Greeting

1 Simeon ¹Peter, a servant ²and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained ^aa faith of equal standing with ours ^bby the righteousness
of our ^cGod and Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you ^ein the knowledge of God and of Jesus
our Lord.

Make Your Calling and Election Sure

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through
the knowledge of him ^fwho called us to ³his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he
has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may
become ⁶partakers of the divine nature, ⁷having escaped from the corruption that is in
the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement
your faith ^fwith virtue, ⁵and virtue ^fwith knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control,
and self-control ^fwith steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness ^fwith
brotherly affection, and brotherly affection ^mwith love. ⁸For if these qualities ^eare yours

¹Some manuscripts Simon ²Or slave; Greek bondservant ³Or by ⁴Or virtue ⁵Or excellence ⁶Or brotherly affection ⁷Or brotherly affection ⁸Or brotherly affection

Chapter 1

¹Rom. 1:12; 2 Cor. 4:13;
Titus 1:4 ²Rom. 3:21-26
³Titus 2:13
⁴1 Pet. 1:2; Jude 2 ⁵ver.
3, 8; ch. 2:20; (John 17:3;
Phil. 3:8)
⁶11 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess.
2:14; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Pet.
5:10
⁷Eph. 4:24; Heb. 12:10;
1 John 3:23 ⁸ch. 2:18, 20
⁹Phil. 4:8 ¹1 Pet. 3:7
²See Heb. 10:36; James
1:3
³See Heb. 13:1 ⁴1 Cor.
13:1 John 4:16

⁸See Jor
⁹Job 5:1
59:10; Ze
2:9-11) ¹⁰
2:14; Heb
1:7; Rev. 7
¹⁰1 Thess
1 John 2:10
¹¹Col. 1:13
¹²Jude 5; (F
15: Phil. 3:1
¹³John 2
¹³2 Cor. 5:1
¹⁴[Deut. 4:21
2 Tim. 4:5] ¹⁵J
¹⁶See 1 Cor. 1
1 Tim. 1:4 ¹⁷J
¹⁸See 1 Thess. 2
17:1, 2, 6; Mar
9:28, 29; John 1
17:17; 17:5; W
Luke 9:35; (Matt
18:1 Ex. 3:5; Josh.
18:1 See 1 Pet. 1:13

1:9 The one who

2 Peter 1:12-15

¹² Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*.

**All verses from 1995 New American Standard Version*

2 Peter 1:12-15

¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder,

¹⁴ knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

2 Peter 1:12-15

¹⁵ And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

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3⁹ (1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess. 2:14; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Pet. 5:10)

1 John 3:23¹ ch. 2:18, 20

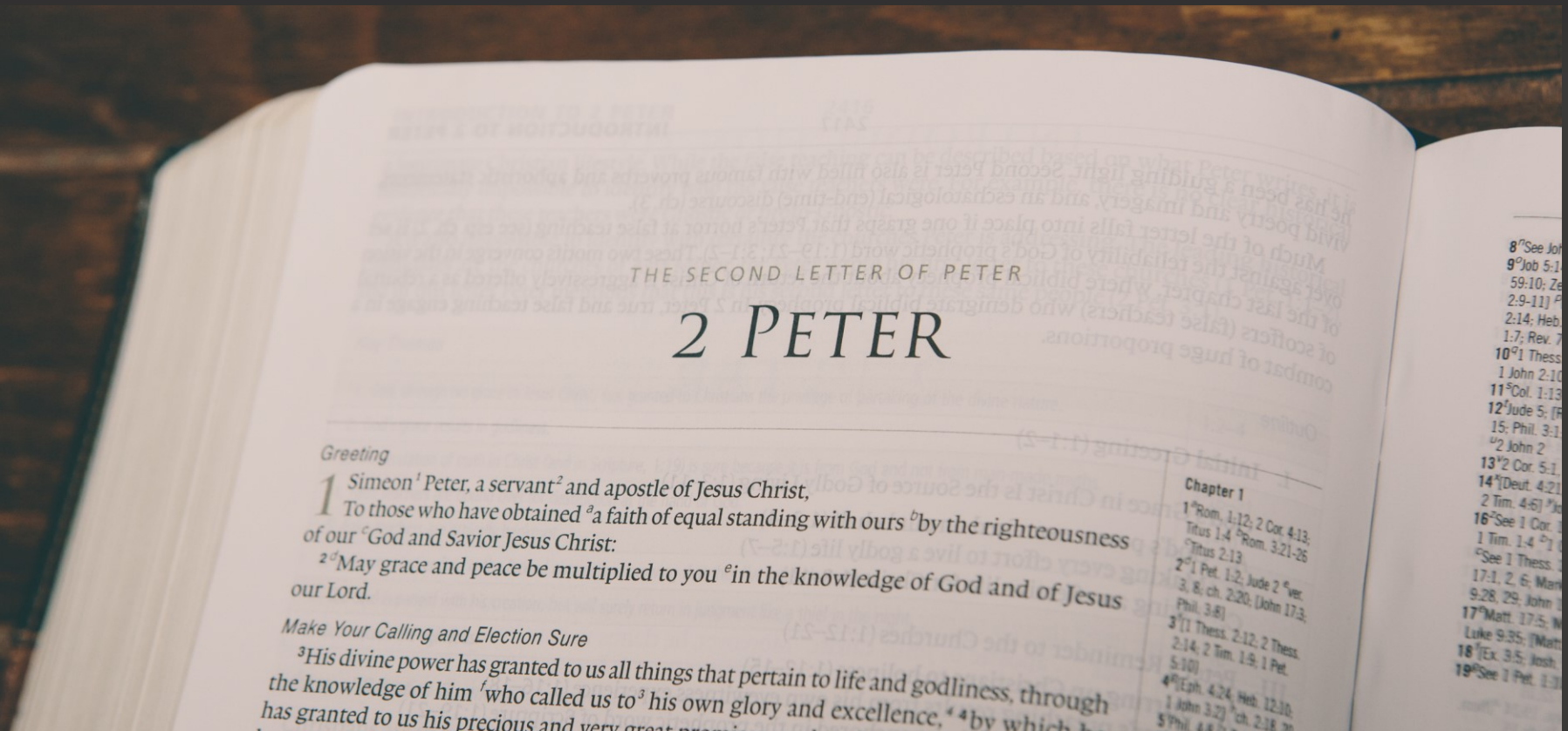
¹⁰See *Webb*, 303 U.S. 398.

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2 Peter Chapter 2

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➤ Peter warns them about false teachers.

2 Peter 2:1-3

¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 Peter 2:1-3

² Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

³ and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

2 Peter 2:4-8

⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

2 Peter 2:4-8

⁵ and did not spare the ancient world,
but preserved Noah, a preacher of
righteousness, with seven others,
when He brought a flood upon the
world of the ungodly;

2 Peter 2:4-8

⁶ and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly *lives* thereafter;

2 Peter 2:4-8

⁷ and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men

⁸ (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

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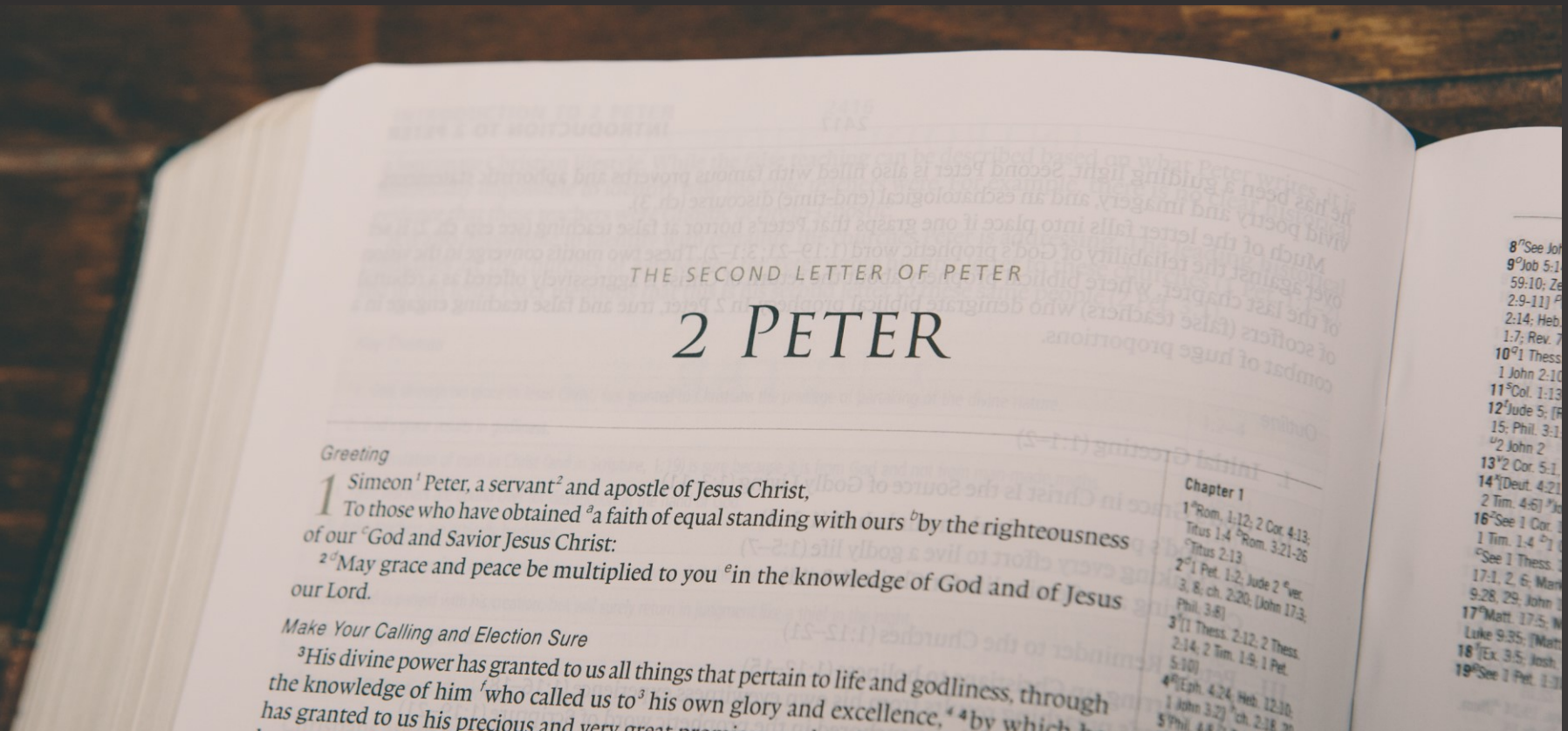
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2 Peter 2:9

⁹ *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰ and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority.

2 Peter Chapter 2

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➤ These teachers promise freedom by encouraging sinfulness.

2 Peter 2:18-19

¹⁸ For speaking out arrogant *words* of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

¹⁹ promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

2 Peter 2:20-22

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2 Peter 2:20-22

²¹ For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

2 Peter 2:20-22

²² It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,” and, “A sow, after washing, *returns* to wallowing in the mire.”

Noticing the Real Danger for Christians

How long^v will the ene-
my O God?
Will the foe revile^x you
ever?

Why do you hold back
your right hand?^y
Take it from the fold
of your garment^z and de-

But you, O God, are
old;
you bring salvation
was you who spin
your power;

2 Peter 2:20

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Notice it is still possible for Christians to get “entangled” in sin & “overcome.”

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The result: they
could be lost again.

Why does your anger
against the strong?
Remember the people you purchased
old,
the tribe of your inheritance,
you redeemed
Mount Zion,^h where you dwell.
Turn your steps towards these
everlasting ruins,
all is destroyed the enemy has
throughout the sanctuary.
Your foes roared^k in the place where you
net with us:
as signs.

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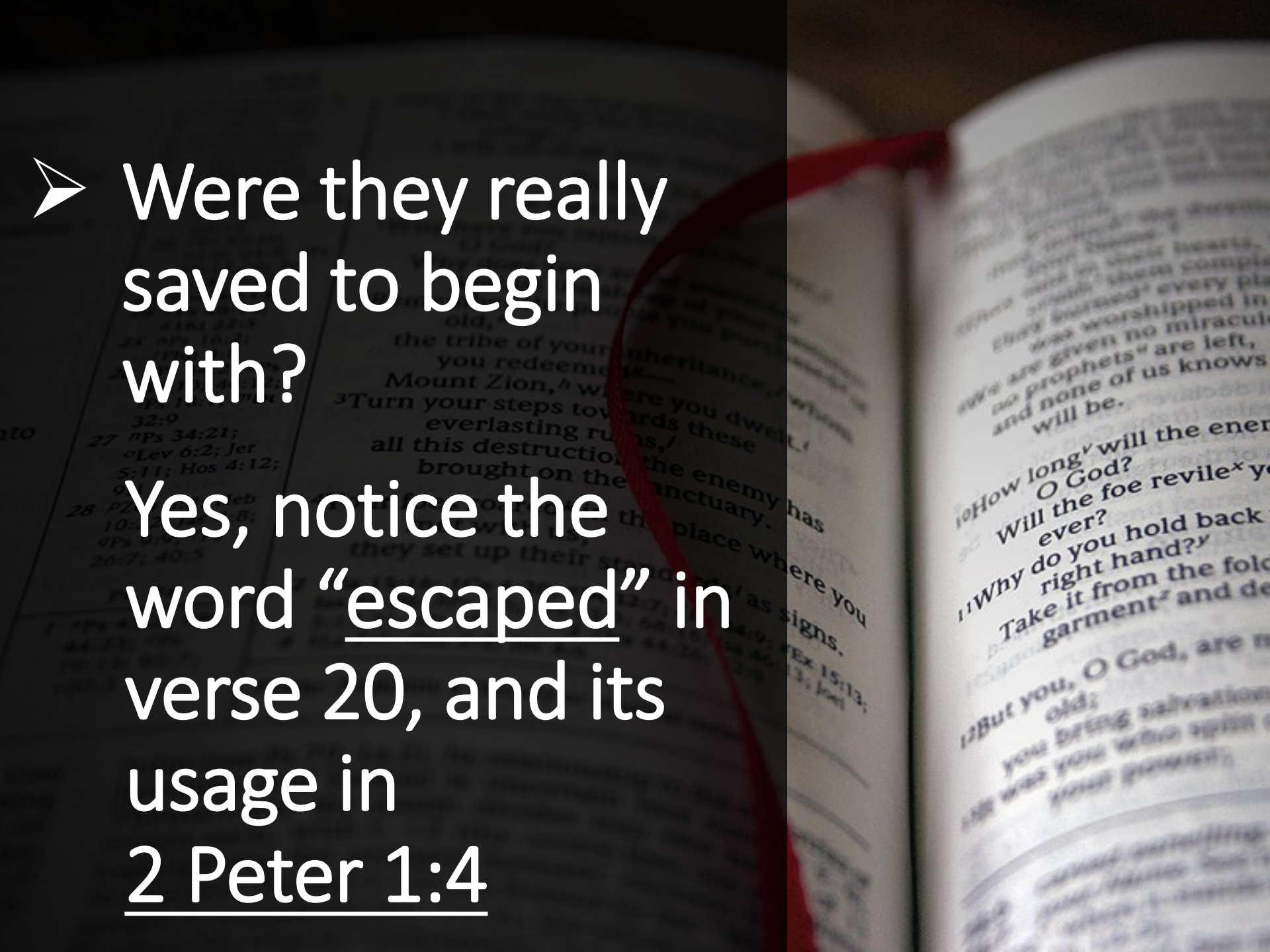
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ever?
11 Why do you hold back
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Take it from the fold
of your garment^z and de-
stroy them.
12 But you, O God, are
old;
you bring salvation
and you will again
show your power.

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Yes, notice the word “escaped” in verse 20, and its usage in 2 Peter 1:4



2 Peter 1:4

⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

2 Peter 2:20

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.



Verses 20-21
remind us of
Luke 12:47-48.

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Luke 12:47-48

⁴⁷ And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,

Luke 12:47-48

⁴⁸ but the one who did not know *it*, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

2 Peter 2:20-21

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The Choice We Still Have



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➤ We also see this in:

Galatians 5:4

⁴ You have been severed from Christ,
you who are seeking to be justified by
law; you have fallen from grace.

James 5:19-20

¹⁹ My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,

²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Hebrews 3:12-14

¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:12-14

¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

Hebrews 10:26-29

²⁶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

Hebrews 10:26-29

²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

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➤ We still have freedom to choose,
and we could leave Christ for sin.

John 10:27-28

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.



Don't get entangled in sin!

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.