

## **On The Rock: 4**

### **The Prophetic Word Confirmed**

#### **Matthew 16.13-20**

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” (vs 18)

Faith Needs Action - those who hear the Word of God and put it into practice build on the rock (Matthew 7.24)

#### James 1.22

Don't just be a hearer of the word but also someone who does it. Faith comes by hearing but it also requires action on our part.

#### **Mark 9.2-10**

- Peter, James and John were with Jesus on the mountain
- Jesus was transfigured before them – His clothes were white, bright and shining
- Two of the Old Testament greats appeared talking with Jesus – Moses and Elijah. These three representatives of the Word of God: Moses (the Law), Elijah (the Prophets), Jesus (the New Testament)
- The glory of God descended in the cloud
- They heard the voice of God speak “This is My beloved Son....”

They were eyewitnesses to the events that took place - they had seen the prophets and the cloud, they had heard the voice of God speaking.

#### **2 Peter 1.12-21**

Peter begins to outline the legacy that he wished to leave after his death.

- He did not preach stories or cunningly devised fables
- He preached, spoke and wrote about what he had seen – He was an eyewitness. An eyewitness account is very difficult to disprove.
- Peter refers to the voice of God that he heard on the mountain – we heard it, we were there.

Many people in the church have words, they receive prophecies, they hear 'God speaking' – but Peter could honestly say he heard the voice of God.

He went to encourage the church by telling them that they have the prophetic word confirmed – the Holy Scriptures.

Peter's legacy – listen to the Word of God.

- We do not trust in visions, prophecies, or gifts of the Holy Spirit
- These gifts and utterances will always be backed up with the Scriptures – this is the prophetic word confirmed, or made more sure.
- The gifts are to be taken as confirmation of what we already know and believe from the word of God
- We must esteem God's Word above all – the rock.