

2Pe 1:19; 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Day star, by definition means: *light-bearing ("phosphorus"), the morning-star*. It is from two other words one (*phos*) which means: *to shine or make manifest*; the other (*phero*) means: *to bear or carry*.

We need the context, of how this is used in scripture, to get a better sight of what the day star means. Peter, in the text above, is talking about the transfiguration on the mount seen in: ***Mt 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.***

As we consider the context of our scripture in 2Peter; we understand that Peter is telling the Jews; you must see Christ as the means of salvation, and must exercise faith in the knowledge of salvation by grace, revealed by the word of God. In the referenced verses in Matthew 17; we see that Jesus was transfigured and became as light of the sun. We understand that when the natural sun arises, its light shines forth and brings us what we call the day time. So when the new birth occurs the light of Jesus shines in our hearts. We point out also in Matthew 17; the bright cloud which overshadowed Peter, James, and John, which when it lifted up they saw only Jesus. When we are born again, we see only Jesus as our means of salvation.

There are some other references that speak to us about the day star:

- ***Ps 119:105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*** We see, here in the Old Testament, that the word of God is a light for God's people. We know also that in ***John 1:1*** that Jesus is named as the Word.
- ***Joh 5:35; 34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. 35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. 36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent***

me. 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. Here Jesus is testifying that he is the Son of God and John was the light that proclaimed it, when God revealed Christ to him.

- *2Co 4:4 & 6; 1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* We see, in this reference, that the gospel of Jesus Christ is set forth, as the light of God's people. We notice, this points us back to our text in 2Peter, where it is pointed out; the light of understanding, is the knowledge that salvation is by the grace of God, through Jesus Christ.
- *Re 2:28; 18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.* Here we see that the morning star is given to him that holds fast the faith of the knowledge of salvation by grace.
- *Re 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.* Here; Jesus declares that he is the bright and morning star, or day star by definition.

Returning now to our original text: *2Pe 1:19 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy: whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:* Considering all the references given, and the context of this verse, we now come to an understanding; Jesus Christ is the day star, which has arisen in our hearts, by the implantation of the Holy Spirit, in us, in the new birth. Christ has given us the light of the Gospel in the knowledge of salvation by grace. By the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf; we understand that the bible is the word of God and as stated in: *Ps 119:105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.* and it is indeed the Word! We see; in this world of darkness, blackened so by sin, Christ is the light and our salvation. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!