

**THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD**  
**WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW FIRST OF ALL TO DO WELL**  
**2 Peter 1:20-21**

- I. *REVIEW: WE DO WELL BY HEEDING THE MORE SURE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD* which we all now have and is our light in a dark world rather than heeding human experience (16-19)
  
- II. ***WE DO WELL BY HEEDING THE MORE SURE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD, KNOWING FIRST OF ALL ITS' DIVINE NATURE:*** Scripture is not from man but from God, who spoke by His Spirit through men (20-21)
  - A. **WE DO WELL TO HEED THE MORE SURE WRITTEN WORD** knowing first of all Scripture is not from or of man's own interpretation (20-21a)
    1. **We must heed knowing this first... (20)**
      - a) *We must know first of all* **Scripture does not come about by one's own interpretation** (loosing) or explanation (20)
  
      - b) *We must know first of all* **Scripture is thus not subject to one's own interpretation** (loosing) or explanation (20)
  
    2. **We must heed knowing...for not by the will of man was prophecy ever brought forth (21a)**
  
  - B. **WE DO WELL TO HEED THE MORE SURE WRITTEN WORD** knowing it is from God: Scripture is not from man *but rather* men carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God (21b)

III. **THE FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS**