

1 Peter 1:10-12

Celebrate God's Salvation Beauty

- Where does confidence come from? For many, it's abilities, appearance or mind-set
- God wants us to be confident in *him*, which is why Peter writes (1 Peter 5:12).
- How can we cultivate God-centred confidence? By **celebrating salvation**

- **Celebrate God's Salvation Design**
- v10-12 may feel like an add-on after the heights of v3-9. It's actually the climax!
- From the beginning, salvation has all been carefully planned. God is in control!
- OT prophets spoke to their generations, but pointed centuries forward to God's plan
- The OT is precious! Filled with signposts and pictures of coming Christ.
- v11: It wasn't an accident! Peter never mentions Jesus' suffering without glory
- Confidence in trials: Our present corresponds to Jesus' past, our future to his present

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- The prophets searched, examined, researched, checked. When will this be?!
- They anticipated a wonderful salvation but saw that it was not 'now' but to come.
- That was for us! We are the most privileged people in history!
- Even the angels are rapt with attention. Their eyes are fixed on God's work in us!

- In trials, we can be confident as we **celebrate the beauty of God's salvation design!**

Questions

Celebrate God's Salvation Design

1. How can you learn to treasure the Old Testament?
2. What is your response to the idea that God is in control—even over trials?
3. How does Jesus' suffering then glory bring you comfort?

Celebrate God's Salvation Beauty

1. Where do you see the beauty of God's salvation most clearly?
2. How can the angels' attention on what God is doing in you help you celebrate with confidence?
3. What would it look like for you to grow in confidence in God this week?