WORTH A CLOSER LOOK

(1 Peter 1:10-12)

A. Our TRIALS TODAY Need Never Take Away Our JOY ABOUT TOMORROW. (v. 6-8a)

B. Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ BY FAITH TODAY Will Become SIGHT TOMORROW. (v 8b-9)

C. Our SALVATION Captivated Even the OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS. (v. 10-12)

* How did the Old Testament prophets respond to God's revelation?

1.	The Old Testament prophets	and	the meaning of
	the prophecies given them by the	Holy Spirit. (v. 10)	

a. "Have inquired and searched carefully" -

b. They received revelation regarding:

1) The _____ that would come to us (v. 10b)

* Where do we see God's grace to the Gentiles predicted in the Old Testament?

* In what sense is this "grace" expressed?

2) The _____ of the _____ and the _____ that would follow (v. 11b)

c. The prophets received ______ from the Holy Spirit, but it was ______. (v. 11a)

* In what two ways was the Holy Spirit's revelation incomplete?

Definition of an Old Testament mystery: _____

2. The Holy Spirit ______ to the diligent searching of the prophets. (v. 12)

a. The Holy Spirit revealed to them that:

- 1) "This is ______" "not to themselves" (v. 12b).
- They were ministering to people who would live in the distant future: ______
 ______ and ______- "but to us" (v. 12c).
 - * Does the Old Testament have value for us today?

* What can we learn about ministry from this passage?

3. The things which the prophets sought to understand have now been ______ to us. (v. 12d)

* What things?

- * Why are the angels and the prophets so interested in these things?
- * "So what?" How does this apply to you?