

Greater Reasons to Rejoice

1 Peter 1:10-12

1. Who were the prophets?

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2. What were they prophesying?

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3. Why do we have greater reasons to rejoice?

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God's Elect*



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It was revealed to them
that they were not serving themselves, but you,
in these things which now have been announced to you
through those who preached the gospel to you
by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—
things into which angels long to look.

Because the grace that was foretold
has come to us, we have greater
reasons to rejoice now than even the
greatest prophets did then.

Greater Reasons to Rejoice

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These Prophets?

Their identity.

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The prophets who prophesied?

Luke 24:27

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Luke 24:44

Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Acts 3:24

And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days.

We are speaking of...

Moses Samuel Elijah Isaiah

Jeremiah Daniel Hosea

Jonah Ezra Nehemiah

Amos Joel Ezekiel Nahum

and all the rest.

These Prophets?

Their identity.

Their role.

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*They were serving God's people then,
but in respect to the grace to come,
they were serving you.*

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Who were these prophets?

What were they prophesying?

Content of their prophecy?

*They were pointing to
a salvation yet to come.*

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The prophets spoke to the issues and people of their times, but their larger message always pointed to a salvation that was yet to come.

Isaiah 9:1-2

But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish;
in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali with contempt,
but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea,
on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

The people who walk in darkness
Will see a great light;
Those who live in a dark land,
The light will shine on them.

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*They were foretelling the
sufferings of Christ.*

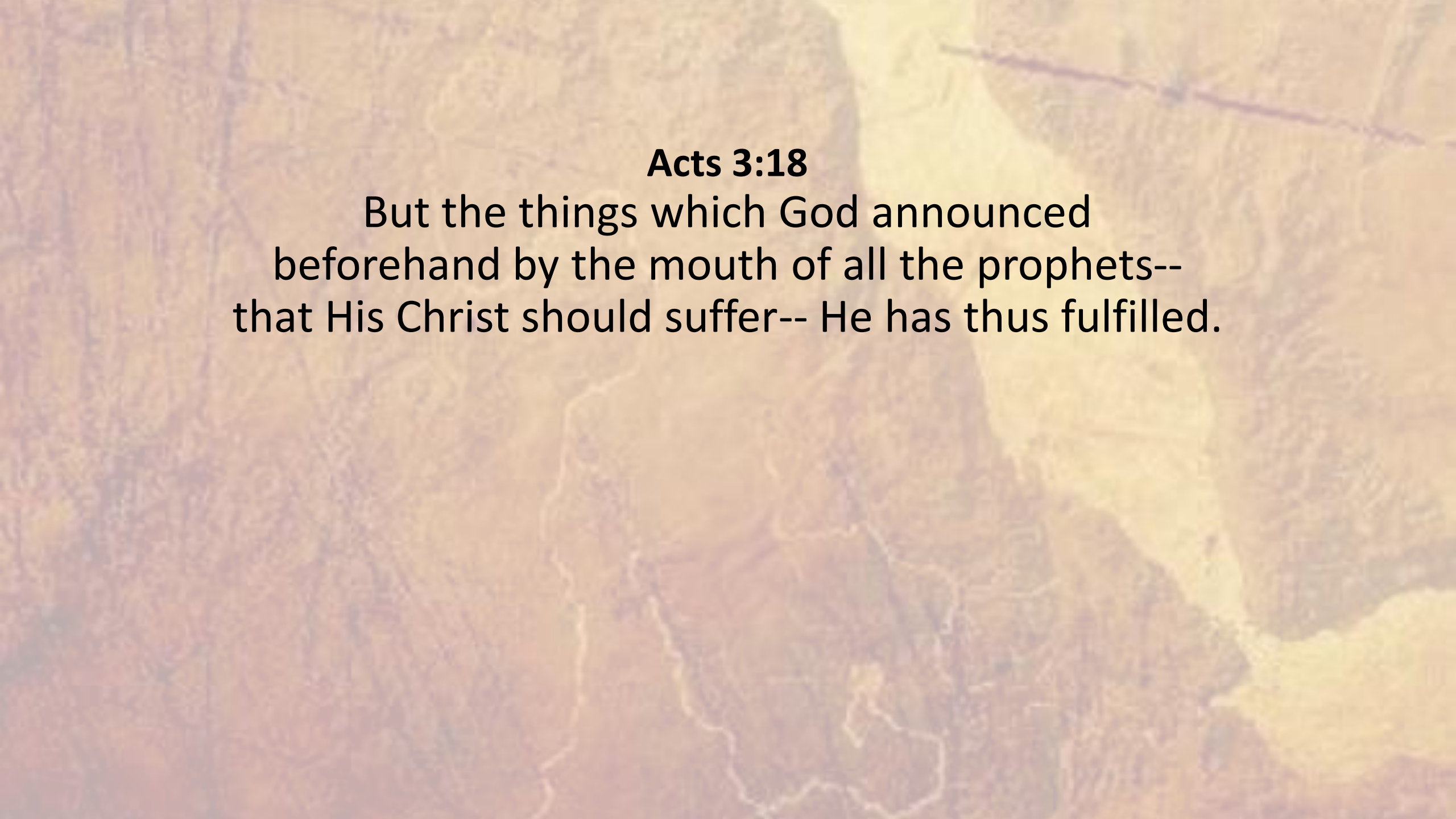
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Luke 24:26-27

“Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.



Acts 3:18

But the things which God announced
beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets--
that His Christ should suffer-- He has thus fulfilled.

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*They were prophesying
of glories to follow.*

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The glories to follow?

The resurrection of Christ.

The ascension and exaltation of Christ.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The advance of the gospel to the nations.

The resurrection of believers.

The restoration of all things.

Luke 24:46-47

And He said to them,
“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer
and rise again from the dead the third day;
and that repentance for forgiveness of sins
should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations,
beginning from Jerusalem.”

Important Note:

God has always had just one plan of salvation.

*There is one body, one Spirit,
one hope, one Lord, one faith,
one God and Father of all.*

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What were they prophesying?

Why do we have greater
reasons to rejoice?

Our Advantages

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*Without knowing the triumph
of the cross, the prophets would
have struggled to understand
the sufferings of the Christ.*

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*Our hindsight gives to us
much greater advantage
than their foresight.*

Implication

If the prophets could joyfully endure suffering by anticipating a promise they never received,

How much more should we joyfully endure suffering having received the anticipated promise?

Our Advantages

Unlike the prophets, we can understand this salvation.

*Unlike the angels,
we **experience** this salvation.*

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So often in the Bible, knowing something involves experiencing it.

Are you taking advantage of your advantages in your struggle against the temptations to grumble.

**Rejoice that you can
know Christ!**