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Verse 10- *As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,*

the prophets who prophesied- From Moses to Malachi. Our faith is not based on the words of men but the Word of God.

grace that would come- the future salvation that the Messiah would bring

careful searches and inquiries- They did not know the time and circumstances of the Messiah's appearance.

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Verse 11- *seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.*

to know what person or time- The prophets were not questioning the reality of the Messiah, but who He would be and when He would arrive.

Spirit of Christ- the author of these prophecies were not the prophets themselves, but the Holy Spirit. This was an assurance to believers of a pattern. Glory would follow suffering as it had in the life of Christ.

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Verse 12- *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.*

It was revealed- *apo* (away, off) + *kalupto* (hide) (apocalypse- to take the cover off something hidden, to reveal)

not serving themselves, but you- All that was revealed to the prophets concerning the Messiah would not occur during their time, but in the lifetime of those Peter was addressing.

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through those who preached the gospel- The same Holy Spirit who revealed the truth to prophets was now, in the same way, revealing truth to the apostles (in the letters of the New Testament).

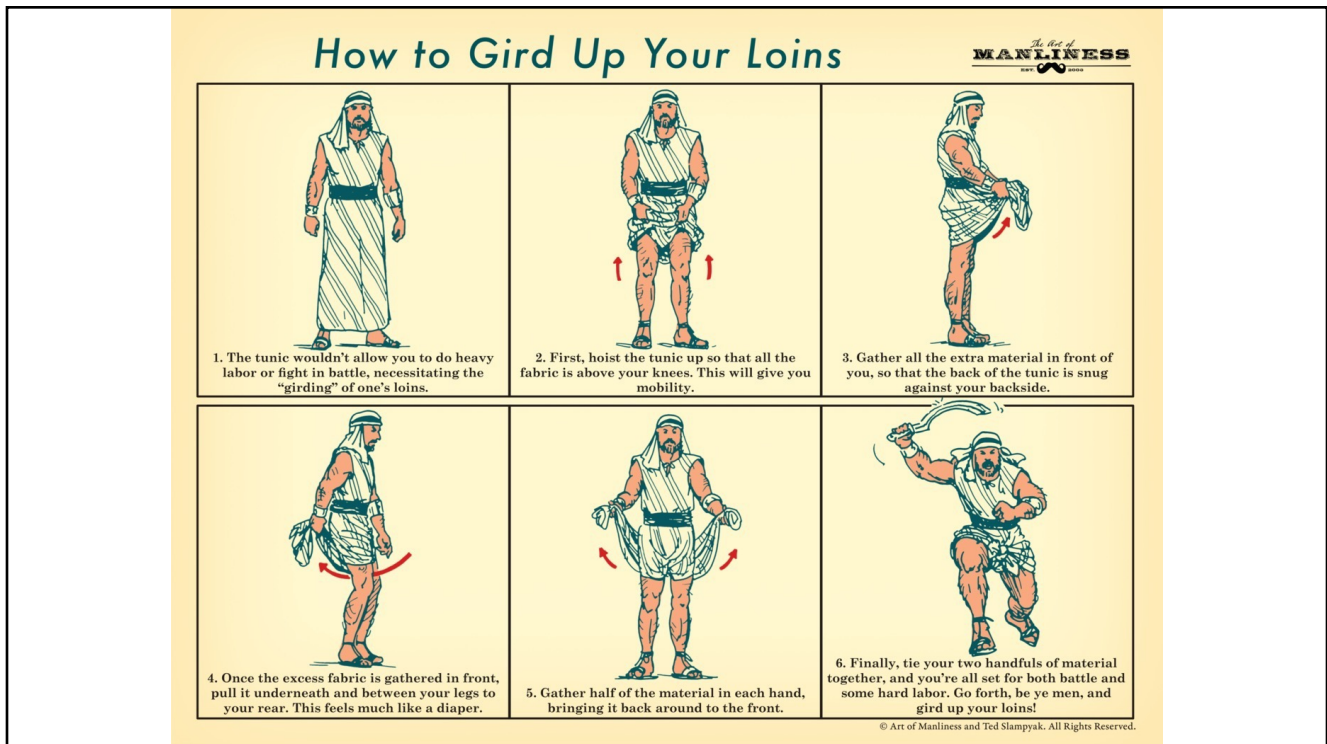
things into which angels long to look- Angels know of salvation in a different way since they do not experience redemption.

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Verse 13- *Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

In the next four verses, Peter gives five exhortations to his readers:

1. *prepare your minds for action-* literally, “gird up the loins of your mind.” (anazōsamenoi- *ana* (up) + *zonnumi* (bind/gird). This was an act of preparing for battle (taking your robe and tucking it into your belt). Our minds should be clear and ready to serve the Lord in mental battle.



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