
BIBLE TALK

This week the question is: **What does the Bible say about itself and continuous revelation? (pt. 2)**

- Does God continue to reveal new truths today?
- Is the Bible God's complete and final revelation to man?
- Has the Bible been corrupted thru the years?

I am going to present to you six reasons why God no longer gives "special revelation" to anyone any more – six reasons why the Bible should be considered the complete and final revelation of God's will to man.

1) Jesus specifically taught that the apostles would be led into "all truth."

John 16:12-13

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Many more passages could be given, but this is enough to prove the point. Jesus promised the apostles would receive "all truth."

2) The apostles specifically said that "all truth" was delivered to them.

2 Peter 1:3

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Everything necessary to live a faithful godly life pleasing to God has been revealed to the apostles. No more revelation is necessary.

3) The Bible specifically states the revelation of God's will was done "once for all."

Jude 3

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for **the faith which was once for all delivered** to the saints.

"once for all" – this comes from the word **ἄπαξ**. It means "*a single time*" (Strong); "*once, one time*" (Thayer). This describes the revelation of God's will. It was delivered "once for all." It will never be delivered again.

4) The written revelation of God's will was divinely protected from loss.

Matthew 24:35

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but **My words will by no means pass away.**

It is true that from time to time men have tried destroy the scriptures. Yet it is also true that the Bible has never been destroyed. Jesus has kept His promise to watch over his word and protect it from perishing.

5) The written revelation of God's will was divinely protected from corruption.

1 Peter 1:23-25

23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

25 But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

"incorruptible" (v23) – the scriptures are divinely protected from corruption.

"the word of God which lives and abides forever" (v23) – the scriptures are alive (Heb. 4:12) and not susceptible to death.

"the word of the Lord endures forever" (v25) – the scriptures are placed in contrast with things that perish (grass and flowers). The scriptures are not susceptible to perishing.

6) The apostles specifically taught that "prophecies would fail."

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

Each apostle only knew part of God's will and they prophesied only the part given to them. But when His will is completely revealed and written down, then prophecies would "fail" and "vanish away."

Think about these six points carefully. Call back and listen again if you need to. The Bible is complete and protected from corruption. None of God's word has been lost. God does not reveal anything to anyone today. Prophecies have "vanished away."

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