
BIBLE TALK

This week the question is: **Does God reveal new truths today?**

There are several religious groups who believe and teach that God is still revealing new truths today in addition to what we have recorded in the Bible – Catholics, Mormons, and Pentecostals to name three. Many other people, especially in the homeschool movement (I can say this because I homeschool my own children and I am often around other homeschooling parents), constantly say things like, "The Lord told me to homeschool my children." Or, "The Lord laid it on my heart to choose this particular curriculum." Or, "The Lord led me to take my children out of public schools."

When these people say these sort of things, they don't mean they read the Bible and then drew their conclusion – and thus the Lord "led" them by means of His written word. What they actually mean is that the Lord is revealing to them new things – things meant just for them in their particular situation. They believe God is revealing new truth that is suited just for them.

In other words, many people today who profess a belief in the Bible, do not believe that it is God's final revelation. They believe that God is revealing new truths in addition to His written word – the Bible.

What do the scriptures say about this? Is God revealing new truths to each generation? Is He revealing new truths, specifically tailored to each individual who prays to Him? Or has God revealed all spiritual and moral truth in His written word, and it's up to us to read His word and make application to our own lives – based on what we have read?

ALL TRUTH WAS REVEALED TO THE APOSTLES

The Bible declares that the apostles and New Testament Prophets would receive **all** spiritual truth during their lifetimes!

John 14:26

²⁶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:13

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.

Notice carefully:

- (1) Everything Jesus had spoken to the apostles, they would be able to remember. This remarkable ability is how we today have the four gospel accounts of Jesus life and ministry.
- (2) "All truth" would be revealed to these apostles. As a result we have the 21 epistles of the New Testament which supply Christians with every single thing they need to know to live the Christian life.
- (3) In addition to revealing "all truth" and refreshing the memory of the apostles, the Holy Spirit also would show these men "things to come." This is how we today have the Book of Revelation.

So, the four gospel accounts, the Book of Acts, the 21 epistles and the Book of Revelation contain everything the Christian needs to know to live a godly life.

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,

My friend, since we have been given "all things that pertain to life and godliness," do we need more? Why should God continue to reveal things to men today if "all things" pertaining to godliness are already written down in the New Testament Scriptures? If the apostles actually received "all truth" from the Holy Spirit, what need do we have of modern-day revelations?

WAS THE WORD PRESERVED?

The only reason we would need continuous, modern-day revelation is if, for some reason, those words that were revealed were lost, or corrupted. Is it possible that some of the inspired writings of the apostles and prophets were lost? The Bible says this is not at all possible!

Matthew 24:35

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

1 Peter 1:24-25

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.

SUMMARY

Can you not see the point that the Bible is trying to make?

- (1) Every single thing necessary for life and godliness was revealed to the apostles and prophets.
- (2) They wrote these truths down and to prevent them from making a mistake the Holy Spirit guided them.
- (3) When they were finished the Lord preserved His word and it will remain even after the heavens and earth are destroyed!

There is absolutely no excuse for men today claiming to have modern-day revelations! There is no Pope, Mormon Apostle, Jehovah's Witness, or Pentecostal preacher that can add any truth to what we presently have recorded in the pages of the Bible. God is not going to "lay" anything on anyone's heart or "lead" them to do anything – separate and apart from His written word.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Since the Bible alone "thoroughly furnishes [us] unto all good works," let us take the Bible only and reject modern-day, would-be prophets.

Romans 10:17

¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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