

# GOD DOES NOT WORK OUTSIDE OF HOLY SCRIPTURE TODAY

*"Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." 1 COR. 13:8-10*

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God did in fact, revealed Himself to men in the Old Testament in dreams, visions, experiences, symbols, and a host of other means. During most of the Old Testament times the people did not have the Written Word of God, therefore God directed them through the prophet who recorded what God told them and that became the written word.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21

However, God is now revealing Himself through His Written Word, and that age of God speaking in visions and dreams has past. Hebrews 1:1-2a says, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. . ." Jesus Christ is the Word of God as John 1:1, and 14-16 plainly says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, "This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." Jesus Christ is the Word and you cannot separate the Lord Jesus from His Word and Hebrews 1:1 is telling us that today God is speaking through the Bible, which is His Word.

This does not mean that God does not work in a believer's life in directing him toward maturity and carrying out God's specific and unique will for that believer's life. It further in no way impedes a believer in His spiritual relationship to the Lord or of God guiding him to His perfect will. The power of God is not hindered in this dispensation, but to the contrary gives power to the believer that no other dispensation has experienced. In no prior time did men have the completed Word of God to instruct them, nor did believers have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to illuminate their minds and hearts to God's truth. If we want to know God's will we can find it in the principles of His Word. A principle is a truth that is unchanging and is applied in many ways in different situations. Today we can know everything that God wants us to know from His completed Word.

This is a rewrite in defense of the ONLY Bible, only ONE Bible, and one BOOK that God has written handing down to us through the Centuries at the cost of millions of Baptist lives, martyrs,

that we might have the pure unadulterated Word of God, the KING JAMES BIBLE! The King James Bible has produced many more martyrs than any other version of the Bible. Today, more than any other time in history there are mireds of professors claiming to believe the King James Bible and after you hear them a while finding out that they really don't. They're trading the Word of God for many of the false perversions on the market today. And these false bibles are certainly not holy! We must be on guard against these sly, slippery tricks of the Devil using Christians today to damn souls and promote the work of Satan.

### **THE BIBLE PLAINLY TEACHES THAT REVELATION IS NOW COMPLETE.**

And now that it is complete God no longer uses dreams, visions, signs or singing groups to bring about the salvation of a soul. To the contrary Jesus says,

*“An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:”* Matt. 12:39, Matt. 16:4

Only through the WORD does God redeem a lost soul! We have an evil as wicked as hell that has swept into our churches and the Word of God is being subjugated by singing and testimony time where the Scripture is not even preached and our people trust their emotions and feelings over the written Word of God.

Around AD 90 when John on the isle of Patmos penned the last book of Revelation God ceased to deal with a man outside of His Written Word. There can be no new revelation after the time of the apostles. We have already noted that in John 14:26 and in John 16:13 the Lord Jesus Christ says twice to the disciples that the Holy Spirit when he comes will lead them into all Truth. They would be the authors of New Testament books, and the authenticators of inspired New Testament books not from their own pens. Soon all the Truth would be revealed, and after the apostolic era there would be no more revelation of Scripture. The Word would be complete. How glad we are of that! What a state we would be in if people could pop up here, there and everywhere, as they do in the charismatic world giving us new revelations. Who would know what was right, and what was true? But the Scripture is the final yardstick for everything, being complete and perfect, sufficient and trustworthy.

Jude was able to speak about the faith which was “once delivered unto the saints.” His epistle was written possibly twenty-five years before the final book of the Bible, but late enough for all the main doctrines and church instructions to have been revealed. At this late stage of revelation, he speaks of the faith once delivered, or better, once for all delivered. It is virtually complete; soon, from Jude's standpoint there will be no more revelation.

The closing verses of the Bible warn that nothing must be added or taken from the words of the book of Revelation, but this clearly applies to the whole Bible, not just the last book. We know this because the warning closely echoes the one given by Moses in the first book of the Bible, the first five were originally one book, namely Deuteronomy 4:2, “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it” words repeated by Moses in Deuteronomy 12:32.

The completion of revelation is also proved by the fact that apostles and prophets are described as the foundation stage of the church.

In Ephesians 2.20 the church is described as being, “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, that is, New Testament prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone” A foundation is something completed and stable while the building continues to be constructed.

What about Joel's prophecy, quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost, saying that when the Spirit is poured out, all believers, male, female, old and young will prophesy? Is it not implied that this will go on literally until the Lord's return? No, because our understanding of this prophecy must agree with the unassailable teaching of the Bible that revelation was soon completed, and then ceased.

It is this completed revelation, especially the Gospel that will be the witness of believers of all ages, male and female, through the entire world until the end. They will not “prophesize” in the sense of receiving new revelation but in this sense, the prophecy of Joel is still being fulfilled.

The extraordinary manifestations such as tongues had clearly vanished by the time Peter wrote his two epistles; for he gives no hint whatsoever that these features of the early scene were still operating.

As revelation was completed in the time of the apostles, we see that the task of apostles and prophets is over. And if the gifts of revelation are ended, then so are the authenticating signs of inspired penmen. We remember how Paul said, “truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in...signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds” 2 Corinthians 12.12.

How can it be said that there is no biblical proof for “Cessation” when Scripture emphatically says that all revelation has been completed, like a foundation, at the beginning of the church age? Now that the canon of Scripture has been completed God ceases, has ceased to deal with a man outside of Holy Scripture.

**GOD WILL NOT WORK OUTSIDE OF HOLY SCRIPTURE!**