

IS THE BIBLE ALL-SUFFICIENT?

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Hosea, one of the many good prophets God sent His people, summed up the reason for their demise. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." {Hosea 4:6}

God's people had rejected His knowledge for the false prophets of the day. Jeremiah discussed the same attitude by the people.

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?" {Jeremiah 5:31} Isaiah had the same message.

"Who say to the seers, 'Do not see,' And to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak ' to us smooth things, prophesy deceits'." {Isaiah 30:10}

"Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; their honorable men are famished, And their multitude dried up with thirst." {Isaiah 5:13}

God's people had made a terrible conclusion--God's word was insufficient to meet their needs. In their understanding, men's wisdom was superior to God's. A fatal mistake!

Sadly, many are replaying the same mistake in our own day. Brethren today are saying that the "**old ways**" will not work in these troubled times. What kind of preaching are brethren demanding today? Stories, jokes, great orators, looking for men to hold them spellbound and to be entertained. Is this Bible preaching?

Book, chapter, and verse preaching is not in demand today. Using few scriptures, preaching positive messages and a "watered down" gospel, and good storytelling that will make us "feel good" that is what many are demanding. If you don't believe this is so, take a good look at which preachers are in great demand. Why so? Think: about it.

What is my point? If book, chapter, and verse preaching has become obsolete what are we saying? God's word is no longer sufficient to deal with mankind and their problems. I vehemently deny this to be so. Why? Let me give you four reasons.

SUFFICIENT IN ORIGIN. Who is the author of this great book? "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." {2 Timothy 3:16} This book is God breathed. 2 Corinthians 2:10-13 Can man's wisdom greater than God's?

SUFFICIENT IN AUTHORITY. God's word is authority in all spiritual matters. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." {Colossians 3:17} A "thus saith the Lord" is a must for what we do.

SUFFICIENT IN FINALITY. Will God give another message? Please read, Galatians 1:6-9; John 16:12- 15; Jude 3; 2 Timothy 3:17. This is God's final word to man. Take it or leave it.

SUFFICIENT IN ANSWERS. The Bible is an answer book. Evidences, where did we come from? Genesis 1,2; Sin and Salvation, Romans 6:1-7; 23; Worship, John 4:24; Basis for Unity, Ephesians 4:1-7; Spiritual Maturity, Hebrews 5:12-14; 2 Peter 1:5-10; Morality, Titus 2:11,12; 1 John 2:15-17. The Home, Ephesians 5:22-6:4.

Is the Bible all sufficient? Another way of asking this question – what book would be better and more profitable for man to consider concerning his spiritual needs? Enough said! ***