

THE BIBLE AND THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

“AND I FELL AT HIS FEET TO WORSHIP HIM. AND HE SAID UNTO ME, SEE [THOU DO IT] NOT: I AM THY FELLOW SERVANT, AND OF THY BRETHREN THAT HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS: WORSHIP GOD: FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.” REVELATION 19:10

Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy Have the Same Author

“The Holy Ghost is the author of the Scriptures and of the Spirit of Prophecy. These are not to be twisted and turned to mean what man may want them to mean, to carry out man's ideas and sentiments, to carry forward man's schemes at all hazards.” Letter 92, 1900, 3SM 30

The Spirit of Prophecy Will Constantly Speak to Us

“Abundant light has been given to our people in these last days. Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last. My writings are kept on file in the office, and even though I should not live, these words that have been given to me by the Lord will still

have life and will speak to the people.” 1SM 55, 56

The Testimonies Never Contradict the Bible

“The Bible must be your counselor. Study it and the testimonies God has given; for they never contradict His Word.” Letter 106, 1907, 3SM 32

Belief in the Spirit of Prophecy Helps Us from Satan's Delusions

“Men may get up scheme after scheme, and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White, and has given her a message, will be safe from the many delusions that will come in these last days.” Letter 50, 1906, 3SM 83, 84



Spirit of Prophecy Is Linked with the Third Angel's Message

“As the end draws near and the work of giving the last warning to the world extends, it becomes more important for those who accept present truth to have a clear understanding of the nature and influence of the Testimonies, which God in His providence has linked with the work of the third angel's message from its very rise.” 5T 654



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FUNCTIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

To Bring the Confused Minds to the Bible

“The Lord desires you to study your Bibles. He has not given any additional light to take the place of His Word. This light is to bring confused minds to His Word, which, if eaten and digested, is as the lifeblood of the soul. Then good works will be seen as light shining in darkness.” **3SM 29**

To Lead Us to the Bible

“Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light.” **CM 125**

To Bring Us Back to the Bible

“The word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it. But notwithstanding all this, some who profess to make the word of God their study are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without excuse, God gives plain and pointed testimonies, bringing them back to the word that they have neglected to follow.” **5T 663**

To Bring Plain Lessons from the Bible

“In the Scriptures God has set forth practical lessons to govern the life and conduct of all; but though He has given minute particulars in regard to our character, conversation, and conduct, yet in a large measure, His lessons are disregarded and ignored. Besides the instruction in His Word, the Lord has given special testimonies to His people, not as a new revelation, but that He may set before us the plain lessons of His Word, that errors may be corrected, that the right way may be pointed out, that every soul may be without excuse.”

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Letter 63, 1893. 3SM 31

To Correct Errors and Specify What Is Truth

“For there is instruction that the Lord has given me for His people. It is light that they should have, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. This is now to come before the people, because it has been given to correct specious errors and to specify what is truth. The Lord has revealed many things pointing out the truth..” **3SM 32**

To Give Us Clearer Understanding

“Brother J would confuse the mind by seeking to make it appear that the light God has given through the Testimonies is an addition to the word of God, but in this he presents the matter in a false light. God has seen fit in this manner to bring the minds of His people to His word, to Special Preparation For The Latter Rain | Genuine Revival & Reformation 8 give them a clearer understanding of it.” **5T 663**

To Warn, Reprove and Counsel

“The Lord designs to warn you, to reprove, to counsel, through the testimonies given, and to impress your minds with the importance of the truth of His word.” **5T 665**



Not to Take the Place of the Bible

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Not for The Purpose of Giving New Revelation

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Testimonies Themselves Will Explain the Messages Given

“The Spirit of the Lord will be in the instruction, and doubts existing in many minds will be swept away. The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as scripture is explained by scripture. Many will read with eagerness the messages reproving wrong, that they may learn what they may do to be saved.” **Letter 73, 1903 1SM 42 Time**

LET THE TESTIMONIES BE JUDGED BY THEIR FRUITS

“Let the Testimonies be judged by their fruits. What is the spirit of their teaching? What has been the result of their influence? All who desire to do so can acquaint themselves with the fruits of these visions. For seventeen years God has seen fit to let them survive and strengthen against the opposition of Satan's forces and the influence of human agencies that have aided Satan in his work. God is either teaching His church, reproving their wrongs and

strengthening their faith, or He is not. This work is of God, or it is not. God does nothing in partnership with Satan. My work ... bears the stamp of God or the stamp of the enemy. There is no halfway work in the matter. The Testimonies are of the Spirit of God, or of the devil.” **5T 671**

Do not Lose Confidence in the Spirit of Prophecy

“I know your danger. If you lose confidence in the testimonies you will drift away from Bible truth. I have been fearful that many would take a questioning, doubting position, and in my distress for

us through His word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?” **8T 298**

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your souls I would warn you. How many will heed the warning? As you now hold the testimonies, should one be given crossing your track, correcting your errors, would you feel at perfect liberty to accept or reject any part or the whole? That which you will be least inclined to receive is the very part most needed.” **5T 98**

God Has Spoken to Us Through the Testimonies and Other Books

“Perilous times are before us. Everyone who has a knowledge of the truth should awake and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to

