The Authority of Scripture on Trial

2 Peter 1:21

2 Peter 1:21 (New International Version) For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21 (King James Version) 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.

The questions for The Authority of Scripture on Trial Bible Study are:

Who are the authors of these passages?

What is their testimony concerning the authority and trustworthiness of Scripture?

The New Testament was originally written in Greek. Now, we can look into the Greek translations to understand 2 Peter 1:21 better and the depth Christ intended us to understand.

Let us break down the Scripture in Greek.

Prophecy in Greek means "prediction scriptural or other." Prophecy has different meanings in the Bible, yet this particular meaning is found in the Bible nineteen times.

Will in Greek means "choice."

Men in Greek means "certain man, that is a human being."

Spake in Greek means "to talk that is the utter words, preach."

Move in Greek means "to bear or carry."

2 Peter 1:21 can be taken out of context if we do not understand what was said in the previous scriptures.

2 Peter 1:12-20

"So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."^[b] ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the Prophet's own interpretation of things." (New International Version)

We know Peter is talking but is he? On the surface, we can envision Apostle | Prophet Peter speaking. But in all actuality, God sent Peter to speak to us in human form. God himself talked through Peter. We understand; Peter is God.

God validates His word through a "certain man, certain people" that is His mouthpiece.

Today, we have way too many individuals that "claim prophet, prophetess" status but are still playing with sin.

2 Peter 1:21 tells us that God doesn't speak through the will of man because they are still dabbling in sin. God proves himself through Holy Ghost-filled chosen people that are NOT playing in sin.

The Bible notes seven thousand prophets did not bow to Baal. Seven thousand chosen individuals are God's mouthpiece. 1 Kings 19:18.

Peter speaks to us, saying, Hey, I am the Prophet sent to you telling you the truth because not only is God inside of me, but I am God speaking these words to you.

2 Peter 1:21 mystery is Peter is speaking the words of God, being God's mouthpiece.

God will send you one voice. The person is living a wholly sanctified life, a pure vessel who has already fought all their demons and can give the word through a pure sanctified vessel.

Those sanctified have gone through a path of persecution, death to self, and the exact walk as King Jesus walked. A true prophet of God.

If someone comes to you, who has not walked the Jesus walk, is still dabbling in sin, and hasn't overcome their demons, that is a huge red flag.

Peter's authority is impressive, as God overtakes him. The Scripture is not only to be trusted but to be followed and believed. He is God in the flesh, meaning that God's words are the words coming out of his mouth.

We shall fear Peter's authority. Ananias and Sapphira know that way too well. They died because they did not take Peter's authority seriously. Acts 5:1-11.

Ananias and Sapphira didn't give to God what was God's. Ananias and Sapphira died because they lied about the money, and two, they didn't give the seed (money)to Peter, as God had instructed them.

Peter confronted them, giving them one more chance to come clean. They lost their lives because they dishonored God through His Apostle | Prophet Peter.

God will give a clean vessel His authority on earth to instruct you, teach you, better you, and get you out of your way.

When a prophet of God comes to you, it is judgment.

God is giving you one more chance to get it right before He decides in the courts of heaven about you.

Are you going to believe, repent, allow deliverance, and change? Or are you going to not listen to the authority God placed in your midst?

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