



## **Clear Bible Truth on God's Sovereignty - X**

### **God's Sovereignty and Mankind - I**

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:19-2)

The apostle Peter made a vital and pivotal summary-statement. First, he called the Old Testament a “word of prophecy”. Secondly, he called it “sure” meaning fixed, firm and steadfast. Next, he declared it's not the product of “the will of man”. Next, it came in this manner: “holy men of God spoke as they were moved (carried along) by the Holy Ghost (Spirit)”.

The transmission of revelation from God to and through man was truly miraculous. Without violating the mind and will of the prophet, God said what He pleased. Instead of overriding their personalities, He used them, their backgrounds, experiences and environments to declare His word. Who but a loving and sovereign God could accomplish this?

An unfilled prophecy showed the man spoke “presumptuously” or not inspired of God, said Moses (Deut 18:22). Paul said, revelation that came by the Holy Spirit was “the word of wisdom” (1 Cor 12:8). Peter said true prophets “inquired and searched diligently” after “the grace that was to come” (1 Pet 1:10). God who is the first cause uses secondary means to accomplish His works. In the case of revelation, He used men and women. He remained sovereign; they were moved and "searched diligently".

Prophecy proclaims God's irrevocable righteous judgment in governing His creation. Prophetic revelation is His self-disclosure. As Righteous Sovereign of the universe, He reserved mercy for His elect and justice for the rest.

Jesus rhetorically asked: "Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?" (Mark 12:24). God's sovereign power is the theme of the scriptures, thus Jesus linked the two. Religion's ignorance then, is religion's ignorance today. Let us bow to Him and His sovereign revelation, as we also inquire after "the grace that was to come" and now is

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