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Sufficiency of scripture 01

We had looked at the Inspiration of the Scripture, then Infallibility of the Scripture and then the Inerrancy of the Scripture.

Today we will look at the Sufficiency of the Scripture.

Nowadays attack on the sufficiency of the Word of God masterminded by Satan by the gullible so-called Christians. The attack on Scripture is primarily coming from those who deny its sufficiency for all matters of faith and conduct.

What is amazing about the attack on the scripture that I am most concerned is that it is not coming from those who deny it to be the Word of God, but from those who would affirm it to be so.

Most dangerous threats facing the Word of God is coming from within the evangelical Christianity. People who claim to believe the Bible to be the Word of God but betray a lack of trust in its sufficiency and therein speak evil of the Word of God.

1. Worldly system has crept into the church

Past few decades we have seen there are so many management styles has crept into the Church to show how you can increase the number of people.

Leaders are being encouraged to use some management books or Big corporations' method to manage the Kingdom of God. There are so many leadership seminars are being conducted to show how they can be successful outside the bible. In doing that what we are agree is that the Word of God and understanding its principles and the principles taught therein related to the growth of the church, is not adequate. We must go to the management techniques and the systems of success the world uses in its corporate environment to learn them. Transfer those to the church if we want the church to really grow and develop. This method is nothing but demonic!

2. Church needs to entertain people

Unfortunately, the leaders have chosen to say that we need to entertain people so that they feel that they are enjoy the service. Churches are spending large sum of money to entertain people.

Real need for the people is the word of God but when the church starts entertaining people with music, lights, TV, etc,

then we are saying that the scripture is not enough for the people to drawn to God.

Pastors and leaders are treated and live like celebrities and their life style are being promoted. New pastors and church leaders are being encouraged to follow these kinds of celebrity life style rather than live like Jesus.

- ✓ So much of music no real worship
- ✓ So much of energy but no repentance
- ✓ So much of action but not real-life lessons
- ✓ So much of lip service not being equipped for spiritual battle.

3. Looking for supernatural

There are people searching for Supernatural power, experience and ecstatic. Signs and wonders meetings and conferences are being held.

Billions of dollars are spent on advertise such meetings and the thousands of people come to these meetings searching for miracles and signs and wonders.

In effect what these people are saying is that we can never reach the world with the gospel unless we can raise the dead and heal the sick and call down fire from heaven and do all kinds of supernatural things.

One of the well-known preachers from this group recently wrote at the American Association of Bible Colleges Convention, “The simple gospel is no longer adequate without signs and wonders.”.

Instead of equipping people with Word of God they are pushing people to find the power source and probing into supernatural powers to do miracles and create these signs and wonders.

4. Mystical mantra’s

There are several kinds of people who do these kinds of mantras to attract people.

Positive confession:

Offering formulas for confronting Satan and demons by positive confession and visualization techniques. So, you say it with visual technique then what you visualize something will become a reality in your life.

It may well be

- ✓ your healing,
- ✓ your new home,
- ✓ your new car,
- ✓ your spouse,
- ✓ your child,
- ✓ your finance, and

✓ anything you want

To develop a successful ministry, you get into this heavy kind of self-hypnotic visualization technique. These are known as claim it and receive it!

Mysticism:

They are being practiced gaining supposed to be a divine power, “the new religious science.” Many of the people are getting into Eastern and Hindu thought thinking they will be able to possess the power of the Eastern world.

Psychic power is cultivated. People are claiming authority over the devil, authority over demons, authority over disease. These people are going around in the name of some supposed psychic power commanding not only Satan and his forces, but disease, sickness, negative circumstances, and other things.

Family therapist:

Gone are the days that people were looking intently at the Scriptures for the answer to every family issue. People forgot that if we studied the Word of God, we would be able to live life in the family to its fullest, that marriage could be all that God ever intended if lived by biblical principles.

Families can be all that God ever intended if lived by biblical principles. But now there is an explosion of tricks, gimmicks, sex

techniques and many things that are added to the Scripture to try to deal with family problems.

It used to be that we would gladly accept what the Bible said in sociological areas, whether it's homosexuality or the role of a woman.

Modern era what we are hearing is that the Bible is rather unsophisticated and its outdated. Like all our computers and operating system needs to be updated they think that Bible needs an update.

What alarming is that the church has adapted so much in the topic of Homosexuality, the one who is supposed to preach against is practicing Homosexuality and live inside the church.

Psychology:

Psychology has made inroads into the church that really are frightening. The evangelical church is becoming a wholesale exodus from the traditional biblical theology into the new psychology and psychotherapy. Churches that once and for always would hire pastors and evangelists and teachers are now hiring psychologists.

Pastors would go to seminary and learn the Word of God or Bible college are now going to schools of psychology to study human wisdom in dealing with the problems of mankind.

Seminaries are changing their curriculum dramatically. For the first time in the history of the church, seminaries are hiring psychologists on their staff to teach, psychiatrists to teach.

So, the world has been saying the Bible cannot help and sad to see that the church is agreeing that the Bible is inadequate to deal with psychological problems.

The reason we lack certainty on any of these issues are because we have a sinful view of Scripture.

Many Christians no longer believe that the Bible is sufficient for the life and conduct of the church. This is nothing but a sin and it's a sin by which we the sufficiency of the Word of God.

We have answer for this issue!

2 Corinthians 3:5, *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,*

- Our sufficiency is not from men,
- Our sufficiency is not from human wisdom.
- Our sufficiency is not from human resources.
- Our sufficiency is from God.

What is the meaning of our sufficiency?

It is our capability of living life in God's plan to the maximum is from Him. Because we are Christians, live in an environment in which the resources for life are divine.

For our spiritual life the word of God has been revealed to us through His Holy Spirit. Outside the Word of God, we do not have to look for a sufficiency that is not provided in the Scripture.

There are many things in this world are helpful but the matters which is concerning our spiritual life, conduct and ministry the Word of God is sufficient.

Our sufficiency as believers is from God.

2 Corinthians 9:8, *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

God is our sufficiency

- ✓ He is our source
- ✓ There are no limits on His ability
- ✓ All grace not some
- ✓ All abound not some
- ✓ Always not few or sometimes
- ✓ All good works not some

2 Corinthians 9:10, *Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,*

Now when somebody comes along and says that the Bible is just not sufficient then you should know that there is no issue that the Scripture can't deal with.

- ✓ Our sufficiency begins with God and
- ✓ God is sufficient.

God is sufficient and that our resources have to come from Him and these resources God gives to us come through the Spirit of God and the Word of God.

Jesus spoke about the total sanctification of a believer in the Gospel of John.

John 17:17, *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

The word "sanctify" means "set apart from sin, holy, separated unto God." Meaning spiritual perfection, spiritual completion, that which we should be in Christ.

He says, "O God, make them pure, make them holy, set them apart from sin unto Yourself and do it by Your truth." Then He says in the same verse, "Thy Word is truth."

Obviously, we can conclude that the full holiness of the believer is the work of the Word of God.

It is not the Word of God plus something else!!If you add anything then it becomes the cult! We had seen about the cults have common is that they added to the Word of God.

Look at what God spoke through the prophet Micah.

Micah 2:7, You who are named the house of Jacob: “Is the Spirit of the Lord restricted? Are these His doings? Do not My words do good To him who walks uprightly?

- ✓ The Word of God is the source of the goodness of life.
- ✓ The Word of God is the source of benefit to an obedient believer who walks uprightly.
- ✓ The Word of God brings us all the good that God can dispense as we walk in obedience to that Word.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16, *These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. ¹⁶ For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.*

- ✓ The wisdom of God comes to us not through human sources.
- ✓ God grants His wisdom to us by the Spirit of God.
- ✓ The wisdom is comprehensive, effective, and complete.
- ✓ Comprehend everything based upon the knowledge of the Word of God.
- ✓ We have mind of Christ.

The mind of Christ is the consummate mind of God.

The mind of Christ is omniscient.

The mind of Christ is supreme.

The mind of Christ knows no insufficiency.

That word from God allows us to judge, evaluate, appraise, understand, comprehend, and reason all things.

Why?

Because it brings to us the mind of Christ.

The mind of Christ is a sufficient mind.

Mark 12:24, *Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?"*

Jesus was saying to know the Scripture is to experience the power of God.

Matthew 4:4-10,

When the devil came to tempt Jesus up on the mount and the devil tempted Him, what did Jesus do?

How did Jesus handle Satan?

Did Jesus I bind you, I condemn you, I send you to the pit?

Did Jesus give him some kind of formula?

The answer is very simple!

It is written

Jesus dealt with him on three different temptations and in every case, He did say the same thing

The power of God was expressed in the Word of God. When those three temptations were over, the Bible says the devil left Him and the angels came and ministered.