

God's Word of Prophecy Is God's Word of Truth

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“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handing accurately the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2: 15, NASB).

“And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” (2 Peter 1: 19–21).

How can we know for certain what's true,
When I believe some things that differ from you?
For we have the same Word that each of us treasure,
And hold it up high as the ultimate measure.

The Word of God also brings darkness to light (2 Peter 1: 19),
So all can potentially know what is right.
What then is the problem? It's not you or me.
It's rather a matter of how our minds “see.”

We take the same data from God's Holy Writ,
And reason in order to make sense of it.
Building on things that we “know” and accept,
We're puzzled when others don't “see” but object.

On basic core principles we have to agree,
Lest we should undermine Christianity.
Yet, sometimes whole structures of man-ordered thought
Powerfully shape the things we are taught.

Tradition can also play a big role
In how people come to see things as a whole.
Opinions thus form and, taken to heart,
Can grow into issues that tear us apart.

God wants us to seek His truth diligently,
But also to live it in humility,
Still staying as close as we possibly can
To the written Word—not the wisdom of man.