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“Thus saith the Lord, stand you in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls: but they said, we will not walk therein.” (Jeremiah 6:16).

The above statement has been a distinctive plea of the prophet of God throughout history. The Old Testament is filled with case after case of God’s people departing from God’s way and the rise of prophets preaching repentance and restoration. During the time of the Old Testament God sent his prophets with the message like the one in Jeremiah 6:16. But they refused to listen and said *“we will not walk therein”*.

The Holy Spirit inspired forty men to write the Bible (2 Tim 3:16). Today men read the book written by God, still they have said, “We will read your book but we shall never hear or do what you say (Luke 6:46).

Today’s world is not much different; we too, need to teach repentance and restoration, we need to go back to “old paths”. When the church of our Lord was started, (30 AD) ask how did the first century Christians worship; for example: How did they sing? How did they partake of the Lord’s Table? What did they preach? How did they give and on which day? How was the church organized? We can only get all the information by reading or studying their New Testament right from the time when the church was established (Act 2:14-47). Then continue reading epistles of the Apostle Paul to different congregation in Palestine and beyond.

Our pulpits and Bible classes need to ring with the words, *“Thus Saith the Lord”* or “the Bible says” in this period when we have the written words the Bible. We can convert men and women to God and be friends of the Bible if only we will stop playing around and get down to the basic issues — that is studying the Bible from the first book, Genesis, to the last book, Revelation; faithfully imparting it to those whom we are privileged to teach. This should be taken seriously as it concerns eternal matter.

Jude exhorted us by saying to those to whom he wrote to, *“Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write to you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints.”* (Jude 3).

My dear brethren, we have a duty to God to *“contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered”*. We have a duty and responsibility to mankind to seek the “old paths”; when we speak let us *“speak as the oracles of God”*

God bless you and let the word of God dwell unto you richly.

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