

# Biblical Truth is Better



## Witnessing Window

Biblical Truth is Better articles examine various foundational biblical topics. For each of these topics the associated article presents the message that biblical truth is better than LDS doctrine. A format is followed that provides several parts:

- Both LDS and Bible references
- A background of the topic
- An LDS doctrine view
- The biblical view
- Illumination of biblical difficulties with the LDS doctrine
- Evidences why Biblical truth is better

All this material is focused on witnessing the particular topic to Mormons in ways that will grab their interest by offering a superior, biblical message.

## Continuing Revelation

Mormons view their doctrine of continuing revelation as one of Mormonism's most attractive features. Mormon missionaries commonly ask investigators (their term for prospects) whether it makes sense for God to continue to talk to people today. They word that question in such a way that it would be foolish to think anything else. Some Mormons have told Christians that they feel sorry for them because all that Christians have is the Bible.

Mormons look to their additional 'scriptures', living prophet (whom they believe receives direct revelations from God) and personal revelations as ways God continues to talk to them. This concept has drawn many people into Mormonism.

What can we say in response to that? A lot! One might attempt to show them the historical, logical, and contradictory problems with their scriptures. Or talk about the uncertainty of relying on personal revelation. However, using the strategy of "Biblical Truth is Better", we respond by talking to them about how the Bible is living and active **Hebrews 4:12**, how God is still powerfully revealing himself through it, **how the Bible is the Christian's source of continuing revelation.**



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**Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)** For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

**Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)** For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Bible is pulsating with energy – with the Holy Spirit’s energy! Bear your testimony to your Mormon friends about how it has energized and enlightened you. Share with them the thrill of digging into God’s Word and growing in the truth. Show them not just the breadth of the Bible, but also its depth. Tell them how a lifetime of study still only scratches the surface.

Especially stress with them how the Bible has answered your questions. Tell them about those times when you were struggling with an issue and how, after digging into Scripture, the light suddenly went on. Explain to them the wonders of how God uses age-old passages to address current situations. Emphasize to them that God is still revealing himself today in the Bible.

Most Mormons have not spent much time in the Bible and aren’t familiar with it. They don’t see any ‘fullness’ in it. They have been taught that it’s not trustworthy. They have been directed to go to Mormon scriptures more than to the Bible. They have accepted at face value the argument that to have continuing revelation, we need additional scriptures and revelations.

Our goal is not to convince them of the Bible’s truthfulness and trustworthiness, but to expose them to it; especially its message that Jesus was perfect for them. Then it’s up to the Holy Spirit. Then we can sit back and watch as God works through his Word to accomplish what he desires **Isaiah 55:10-11**.

**Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV)**

As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread  
for the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

**Isaiah 55:10-11 (KJV)**

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: <sup>11</sup>So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Their bringing up the need for continuing revelation gives us a wonderful door through which we can take them by the hand and expose them to the brilliance of God’s Word.

The more the Mormon Church portrays itself as another Christian church body; the more Mormons will become open, and even feel the need, to take the Bible seriously. Christians probably will not encounter as often the classic Mormon response of brushing off the Bible because it was not translated correctly

