

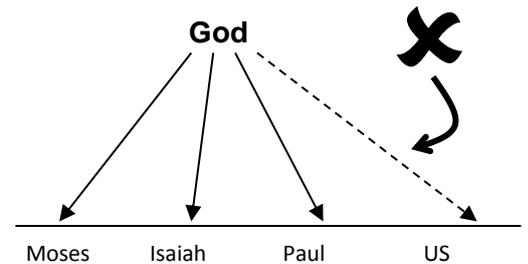
# Enough's enough

## The finished work of revelation

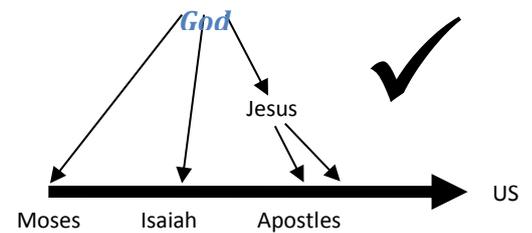
### God has spoken a final word in Jesus

God has told us all we need through Jesus  
Hebrews 1:1-2

The Holy Spirit ensures that the apostles  
will pass on *all* that Jesus revealed  
John 16:12-15



We are called not to receive new revelation but to  
*remember* what we have heard from the apostles  
2 Peter 1:12-21; 3:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:2; Ephesians 3:2-5



### God is still speaking what he has spoken

The law library and the telephone...

What he told them was for us  
Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 1 Peter 1:10-12

What he told them he is telling us  
Hebrews 3:7

## **We don't need God to tell us exactly what to do in every situation**

God has revealed how to please him  
E.g. Psalm 119; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

But it's a ballpark not a bullseye  
1 Corinthians 7:39

Behind-the-scenes (i.e. in a way *not revealed* to us) God directs every detail  
Ephesians 1:11

## **What about prophecy?**

Prophecy means different things in different parts of the Bible

- Isaiah prophecy is new revelation (particular people; part of Scripture; now finished)  
cf. 2 Peter 3:1-2
- Acts 2 prophecy is evangelism (all Christians; not part of Scripture; ongoing)  
cf. Numbers 11:29; Joel 2:28-32
- 1 Corinthians 12-14 prophecy is speaking truth to build up other Christians (particular people; not part of Scripture; ongoing)  
cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

## **What God has spoken will accomplish his work**

God's word gets the job done

Isaiah 55:10-11; Acts 20:32

All by itself

Mark 4:26-29

I opposed indulgences and all the papists, but never with force. I simply taught, preached and wrote God's Word; otherwise I did nothing. And while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends Philip and Amsdorf, the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that no prince or emperor ever inflicted such losses upon it. [Martin Luther, 1522]