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# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**Lesson 1 Slide 1**

# **The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures**



**THE HOLY SPIRIT and the SCRIPTURES.**  
We looked at the question:- **WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?** and saw that He is a Person.  
We saw that the **SPIRIT OF GOD** was:-

**ACTIVE IN THE CREATION** as :-  
**THE ORGANISER, LIFE-GIVER and LIFE-SUSTAINER.**  
**INVOLVED IN THE GIVING OF:-**  
**THE MORAL LAW AT SINAI-** the 10 Commandment Law.

**INVOLVED IN THE GIVING OF:-**  
**THE CEREMONIAL LAW**  
**OF the TABERNACLE** and later the **TEMPLE.**

**INVOLVED IN THE JUDICIAL LAW:-**  
the **APPOINTMENT OF THE ELDERS**  
to assist Moses.

**INVOLVED IN THE INSPIRATION OF:-**  
**THE PROPHETS, from SAMUEL ONWARDS.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and the SCRIPTURES.**

**We looked at the question IS THE HOLY SPIRIT DEITY  
AND SAW THAT He is indeed of the GODHOOD.**

**He has ALL the attributes of DEITY  
and was involved in every aspect of man.  
From creation to Salvation and  
from Now till the end of time.**

**Especially in enabling and empowering  
and guiding the Apostles.**

**PETER wrote in 2 Peter 1:21; that:-  
*"The prophecy did not come by the will of man  
but holy men spoke from God, as they were  
moved by the Holy Spirit."***

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and the SCRIPTURES

Now we are going to think a little more about,  
the **MEANING OF INSPIRATION.**

The view people hold on the subject of Inspiration determines their attitude towards the **AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES.**

It is impossible to separate the two subjects inspiration and authority.

**The origin of any document determines its authority.**

IF the **66 books** which comprise your Bible  
were merely **HUMAN productions** –  
no matter how religious, wise, or good the authors  
were, the Bible would have only **human authority.**

Men would reserve the right to accept or reject  
whatever portions they wished, on the grounds  
that no human being is infallible, and therefore  
**what a man writes might well contain errors.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and the SCRIPTURES

IF, on the other hand, we accept the Bible as having been inspired by the Holy Spirit. We must also accept that it is a TRUE record and is AUTHORITATIVE.

Because we cannot think that the Spirit of Truth would be responsible for publishing a false record.

HOWEVER, IF I WERE TO ASK YOU IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN UNDER THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, I think I know what your answer would be.

*"All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for ..."*

1 Tim 3:16; Now, I know that some modern translations do not say, *"All scripture is inspired by God"*, but say instead, *"Every scripture inspired by God, is profitable...."*

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and the SCRIPTURES

The question we need to ask is WHAT DOES THE WORD '**SCRIPTURE**' MEAN? LIBERAL, MODERN THEOLOGIANs point out that the word '**scripture**' in the Greek, is the word '**grammo**', (as in Telegram) and simply means '**writing**',

They solemnly tell us something that common sense has already told us - namely that **not everything that has been written has been inspired by God**. So they continue; "It is only those scriptures that He has inspired that are profitable"

But, in fact, THAT IS A **POINTLESS ARGUMENT!** No intelligent person would claim that everything that has ever been written has been inspired by God. **And Paul, certainly, would not be so foolish, as to claim that it is!**



# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**We KNOW that not everything  
that has been written is divinely inspired!**

**When a certain HARRY POTTER book,  
was about to become available, some admirers  
of the 'Harry Potter' books could hardly wait!**

**That particular volume contained  
a great deal of writing - more than 900 pages.**

**900 pages of 'SCRIPTURE'? YES?**

**900 pages of 'WRITING'?- YES!**

**In the ordinary sense of the word –  
'Scripture'. 'That which is written'.**

**But 'scripture' in the sense meant by Paul?**

**Certainly not!**

**And ... 'inspired by GOD'? Again, certainly not!**



# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION

**WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT PAUL WAS USING THE WORD 'GRAMMO' IN A RELIGIOUS CONTEXT.**

Neither Timothy nor any other sincere Christian of that time, would have any problem understanding what he was saying, or to which writings Paul was referring.

He was referring to **the scriptures** we have today in **this Book - the Bible**, and there is no sound reason whatsoever for abandoning the old translation. **'All scripture is inspired by God'.**

**BUT HERE IS OUR NEXT QUESTION!**

**“What do we mean by 'INSPIRED BY GOD?’”**

**In what way is the Bible INSPIRED?**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**WE ASK THIS QUESTION BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVERAL THEORIES CONCERNING THE NATURE OF INSPIRATION.**

## **'DYNAMIC' INSPIRATION.**

**Some religious people will say,**

**"I believe that the writers of the Bible were inspired, but inspired in much the same way that Mozart, Shakespeare. Rembrandt, Wordsworth, Burns - and all the other great authors, poets, musicians and painters were inspired".**

**If you go to a modern DICTIONARY for a definition of the word INSPIRATION, you will read that inspiration is:-**

**'A supposed force or influence on poet's artists and musicians, stimulating creative activity. Inspiration is exalted thought.'**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION IS INSPIRATION NOTHING MORE THAN THAT?

*Exalted thought?*

*An influence that stimulates creative activity?*

Let me suggest that you should **NEVER**  
go to **an English Dictionary**, (or ANY Dictionary  
of any other modern language, for that matter).

For a definition of religious words, **BECAUSE**,  
**if you do, you will almost certainly receive misinformation!**

(For example the **Oxford Dictionary** tells us  
that the word '**baptism**' means '**to sprinkle  
the forehead with water**', and that '**to baptize**'  
means, to '**give a name, or a nickname, to christen**'.)

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION

**William Wordsworth**, one of our most popular poets, known as '**the lakeland poet**', lived in 'dove cottage; not far from lake derwentwater, and one day, somewhere near a spot known as 'Friar's crag,' he saw a wonderful bank of golden daffodils. He was '**INSPIRED**' by the sight of the flowers to write his "**ODE to the DAFFODILS.**"

Is THAT the sort of '**inspiration**' we have in the Bible? If it is, the Bible loses its authority. If the men who wrote the books of the Bible simply:-

**RESPONDED TO SOME SORT OF MENTAL STIMULATION-  
visual or audible stimulation:-**

Just like the poets and musicians and artists!  
Then, I say again, **it loses its authority.**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**LET ME SAY AGAIN;**

**AUTHORITY depends on ORIGIN  
THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE DEPENDS  
ON HOW IT CAME INTO EXISTENCE.**

**IF the books of the Bible were written BY MEN  
and were THE PRODUCTS OF MEN'S MINDS:-  
they would possess only HUMAN authority.**

**If, on the other hand, they were written  
under the INSPIRATION of the Holy Spirit,  
and the MIND OF GOD is behind them,  
they are backed by the AUTHORITY OF GOD.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

The apostle **PETER** clears this up for us, when he writes "**The prophecy did not come by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God**" 2 Peter 1:21;.

**AUTHORSHIP DETERMINES ORIGIN.**

**BOTH DETERMINE AUTHORITY.**

The **IMPULSE** of man. The **WILL** of man.

The **WORDS** of man.

Define the **AUTHORITY** of MAN.

The **IMPULSE** of the Holy Spirit.

The **WILL** of the Holy Spirit.

The **WORDS** of the Holy Spirit.

**DECLARE THE AUTHORITY OF GOD.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION.**

## **A SECOND THEORY:-**

Concerning the Inspiration of the Bible suggests:-

That the **HOLY SPIRIT PUT THE THOUGHTS INTO THE MINDS OF THE PROPHETS & APOSTLES** then left them to express the thoughts in their own words.

This is sometimes called **THOUGHT INSPIRATION.**

This sounds very scholarly and impressive.

But just how scholarly is it?

More importantly- how **TRUE** is it?

Indeed, **IS SUCH A THING EVEN POSSIBLE?**

**LET US TRY AN EXPERIMENT!**

**I am going to THINK about something,  
I want you to tell me what I am thinking!**



**ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTY?**

**Then I will THINK A BIT HARDER  
and attempt transfer my thought to your mind.**

**Telepathy! Thought Transference!**

**It isn't working, is it? I have not been successful  
in transferring waves of thought from my mind  
to yours. WHY NOT? 'BECAUSE THOUGHTS  
CAN ONLY BE CONVEYED IN WORDS.**

**We might stay here all Night- I thinking-  
and you trying to figure out what I am thinking,-  
and we would end up with nothing!**

**But, if I express my thought IN WORDS!**

**That is a different matter.**

**AND THAT IS HOW THE APOSTLES AND  
PROPHETS RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD.**

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God SPOKE to the prophet ISAIAH, Isa 59:21;

*"MY WORDS, WHICH I HAVE  
PUT INTO YOUR MOUTH."*

**Zech 7:12;**, refers to **"THE WORDS WHICH THE LORD OF HOSTS- ('YHVH SABAOth') - SENT BY HIS SPIRIT THROUGH THE FORMER PROPHETS"**.

**Not even GOD can place a thought into man's mind,  
without using the means  
by which thought is conveyed.**

You cannot have **MUSIC** without **NOTES**.  
You cannot have **MATHEMATICS** without figures.  
You cannot have **THOUGHTS** without **WORDS**.

Another theory is known as **NEO-ORTHODOX INSPIRATION**. This is the theory advanced by **KARL BARTH**, the German theologian and the people who have accepted his theory are usually known as **BARTHIANS**'.

The **theory claims** that there are errors in the scriptures, and, therefore, **the Bible is not literally true**. It claims that God '**speaks**' to us through the Bible, and uses the scriptures as a means of communicating with us, **but, they only become 'true' as they are understood by the individual reader.**

**The EFFECT of this doctrine** is that **no two readers** of the scriptures see them in the same light. It leaves **the individual reader to be the final authority on what is true.**

## **‘NATURALISTIC INSPIRATION’**

**This is the most extreme view of Inspiration, and in fact, it amounts to an outright denial of inspiration.**

**The people who hold it tell us that:- THE BIBLE IS REALLY JUST A BOOK, LIKE ANY OTHER BOOK, and is no more inspired than any other book.**

**They tell us that, although God may have given the writers special ability on religious subjects, The book is still a human production. It is just another book on religion, describing the religious thoughts & experiences of men from past periods of history.**

## **THE RESULT OF THIS THEORY?**

**It completely DESTROYS and DENIES the authority of the scriptures, so that the Bible becomes nothing more than an interesting story of history.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

## **THE ORTHODOX VIEW. WHICH HAS BEEN HELD ALL DOWN THE CENTURIES.**

**Reminds us of what Peter wrote; 2 Peter 1:21;  
"The prophecy did not come by the will of man,  
but holy men of God spoke  
as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."**

**Again. Paul's words to TIMOTHY Tim 3:15;  
"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."**

**This means THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DID NOT  
MERELY GIVE HIS SERVANTS MESSAGES  
WHICH WERE LEFT FOR THEM  
TO DELIVER IN THEIR OWN WORDS,  
but THAT THEY WERE TOLD WHAT TO SAY!**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**Paul WROTE in Gal 1:11-12;**

**"The Gospel** that I preached is **not man's Gospel**, for I did not receive it from man, neither was I taught it, **but it came through a revelation from Jesus Christ"**.

**To the CORINTHIANS Paul wrote, 1 Cor 2:12-13;:-**

**"We have received, not the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit who is of God, that we  
might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God."**

**"We impart this in words not taught by human  
wisdom, BUT TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT."**

**This is known as PLENARY INSPIRATION.  
OR VERBAL INSPIRATION.**

**(Theopneustos = God breathed.)**

There are **some theologians** who do not like this doctrine. They **object to verbal inspiration** because, they say '**it is too mechanical**' it makes the apostles and prophets **simply mouth-pieces for God**.

Do you think that **an apostle or a prophet would have objected** to being a mouth-piece- a **spokesman- for God**? Wouldn't you regard it as **AN HONOUR** to be so used by God?

Indeed, in the **world of INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**, it is exactly how an **AMBASSADOR** functions! When the new ambassador of a foreign country presents himself at the Court of St. James, to present himself to Queen Elizabeth **as the representative of his country**, he hands over the documents given to him by his government. **He does not make a case for himself, or speak on his own behalf. He presents the words given to him by his superiors.**



**FOR INSTANCE:-** God was about to send the prophet **JEREMIAH** to deliver a warning to His people. Jer 1:9; "Behold I have put **MY Words** into **Your Mouth**".

**Did God make JEREMIAH His Mouthpiece?**  
**Certainly HE DID!** Jeremiah experienced so much grief that **HE DIDN'T LIKE IT VERY MUCH!**  
But he tells us that he simply **had to deliver the message that God had given to him.** Jer 20:9-10;

So when an **AMBASSADOR** is sent to another Country, with **A FORMAL MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, OR HIS SOVEREIGN.** He is commissioned to deliver **a carefully worded statement,** which in international diplomacy, **every word is significant, and will be carefully scrutinized to determine exactly what it means.**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**  
HE DOES NOT DELIVER THE MESSAGE  
IN HIS OWN WORDS, BUT EXACTLY  
AS IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HIM TO DELIVER .....

THE REASON for this is:-

**THERE MUST BE PRECISION, ABSOLUTE ACCURACY.**  
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THERE MUST BE  
NO ROOM FOR MISTAKE OR MISUNDERSTANDING.

When a prophet of God stood before the people  
and said... ***"LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD."***

He was making it perfectly clear that **HE**  
**was not responsible for the message he carried.**

THIS INTRODUCTION ensured that the message  
he delivered **was exactly what God wanted**  
**to have said** so that there were no mistakes!

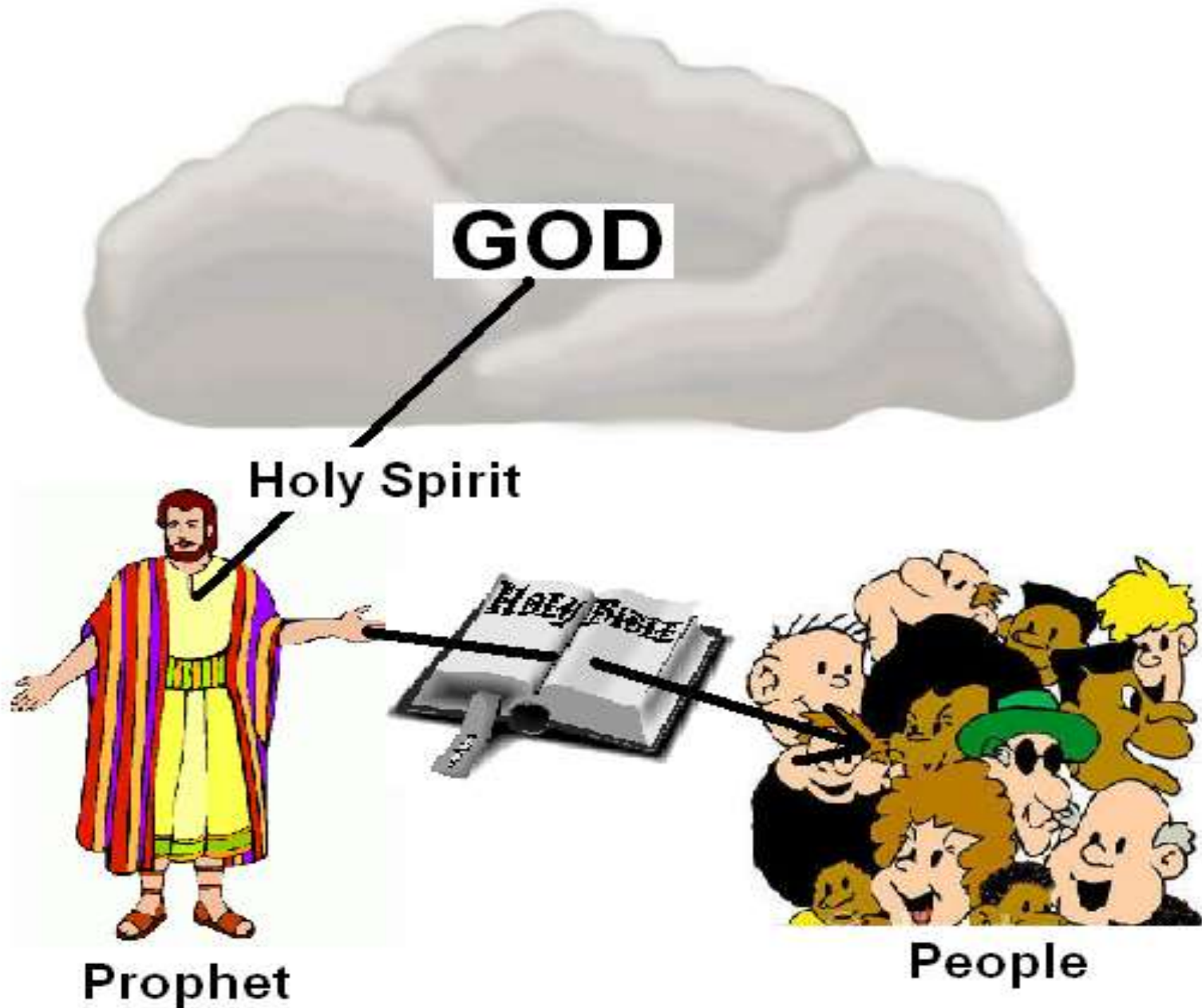
# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**Biblical inspiration may be defined as God's superintending of the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities and writing styles, they composed and recorded without error His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs.**



**Inspiration means that "the Holy Spirit of God superintended the human writers in the production of Scripture so that what they wrote was precisely what God wanted written."**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION



# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION ARE WE SAYING THAT EVERY WORD IN THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD?**

**Sometimes we hear Christians who have become so passionate in their defence of the inspiration of the Bible, make very rash statements like:-**

**"I believe the Bible from cover to cover!"**

**"I believe that EVERY WORD  
in the Bible is the word of God!**

**If we hear this second statement,  
we ought to ask, DO YOU REALLY?**

**LET'S PUT THIS TO THE TEST!**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION

Let us look at Gen 3:4;

*"You will not die, for God knows  
that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened  
and you will be like God."*

**Are those the words of GOD?**

Well, then, if they were not the words of God,  
**did God inspire the serpent to speak the words?**

Can we really describe them as,  
**'THE WORD OF GOD?'**

**Let us try a N.T. Example. IN ACTS 5** we have  
the story of **ANANIAS** and his wife **SAPPHIRA**.

Ananias has already paid a terrible price  
for having lied to the Holy Spirit.

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

Now, when his wife comes in Peter asks her  
a question concerning the price  
that she and her husband had received  
when they sold a piece of land. And she lies,  
and says "YES! THAT WAS THE PRICE!"

Now! Who was responsible for leading Ananias  
to 'LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT!'

Who caused SAPPHIRA to lie to Peter?  
Were they both led by the Holy Spirit?

Their words are IN THE BIBLE.  
Are they THE WORD OF GOD?  
Where does INSPIRATION come in?



**NEITHER** the words of **SATAN TO EVE**,  
nor those of **ANANIAS AND HIS WIFE TO PETER**,  
were the words of God.

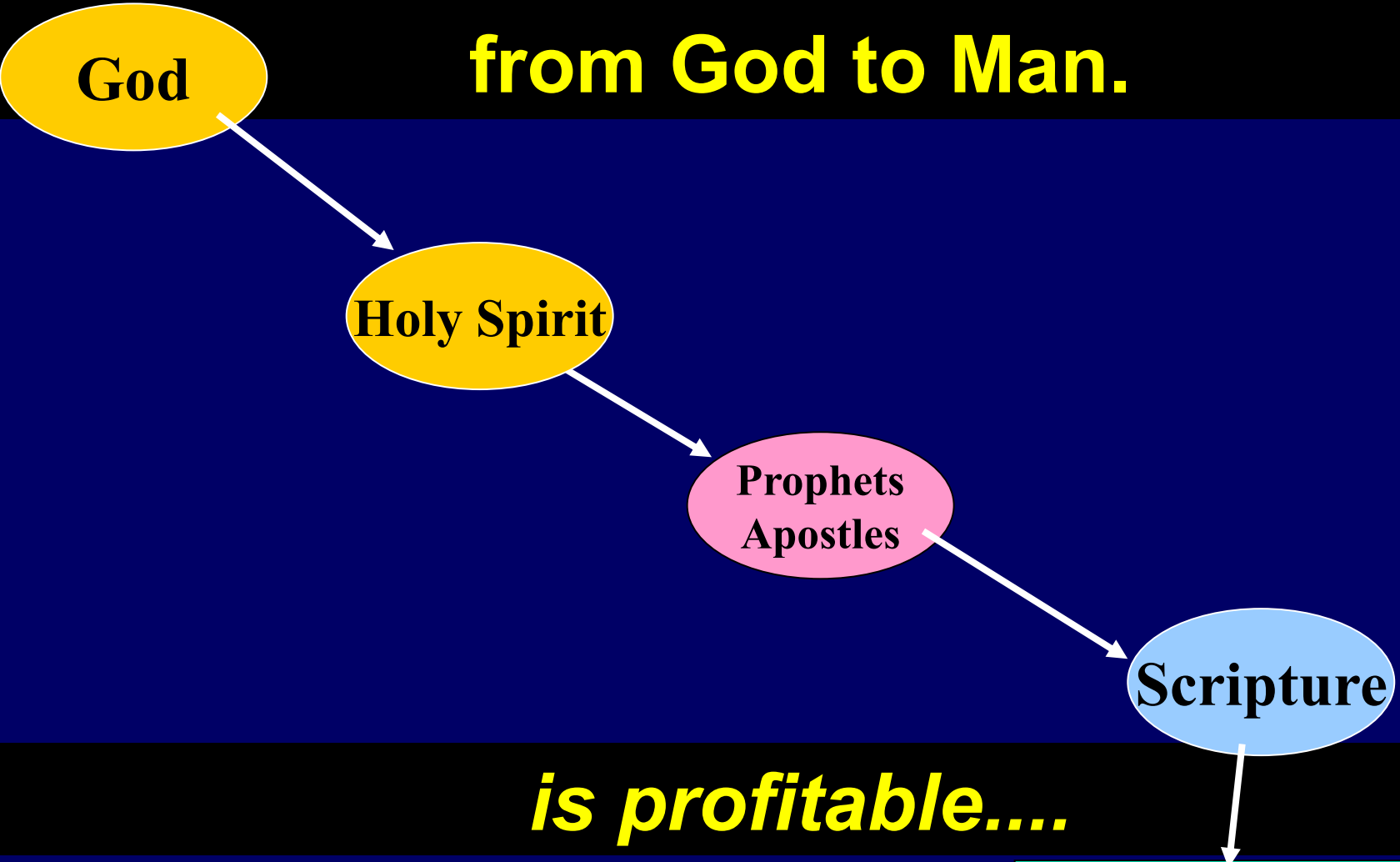
What they **SAID** was **NOT INSPIRED**.  
**BUT! THE RECORD OF WHAT THEY SAID.....**  
**WAS INSPIRED!**

We **OUGHT** to put it this way.  
**The Bible IS NOT ONLY THE INSPIRED RECORD**  
**OF THE WORDS OF GOD.**  
**IT IS ALSO GOD'S INSPIRED RECORD OF WORDS.**

**The Holy Spirit did NOT inspire the utterance**  
**of every word found in the Bible.**  
**But Holy Spirit did inspire the keeping**  
**of the record of what was said.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and the SCRIPTURES.

There was  
A Direct Line of Divine Revelation  
from God to Man.



**For All Mankind**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION Lesson 1 Slide 1**

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# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

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# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**Does God's Word have power?**

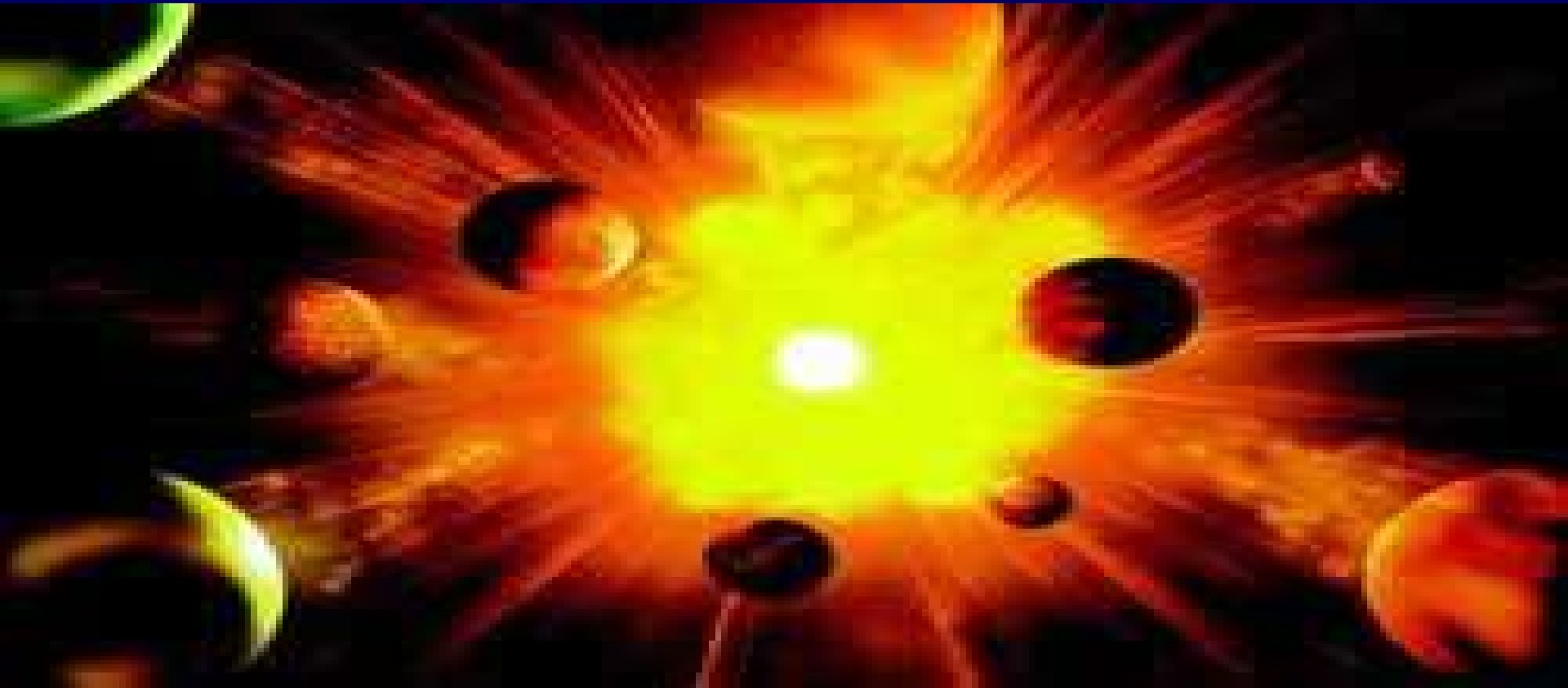
**Think of the Creation.**

**God said it; It was done!**



# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

## **“Let there be...”**



**The same power that created the universe and all life  
is the power that resides in His written word.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION.**

**But we must believe it and apply its teachings to our lives if we want the power to work for us. We can't apply the teachings to others, only to ourselves.**

**Jesus used the Word to defeat Satan. We can too.**

**Jesus said faith can remove mountains. Who amongst us does not have a mountain of doubt or of fear in our life. Even a mountain of hate can be rooted up and cast into the sea if we will trust God and ask Him to remove it for us.**



# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION

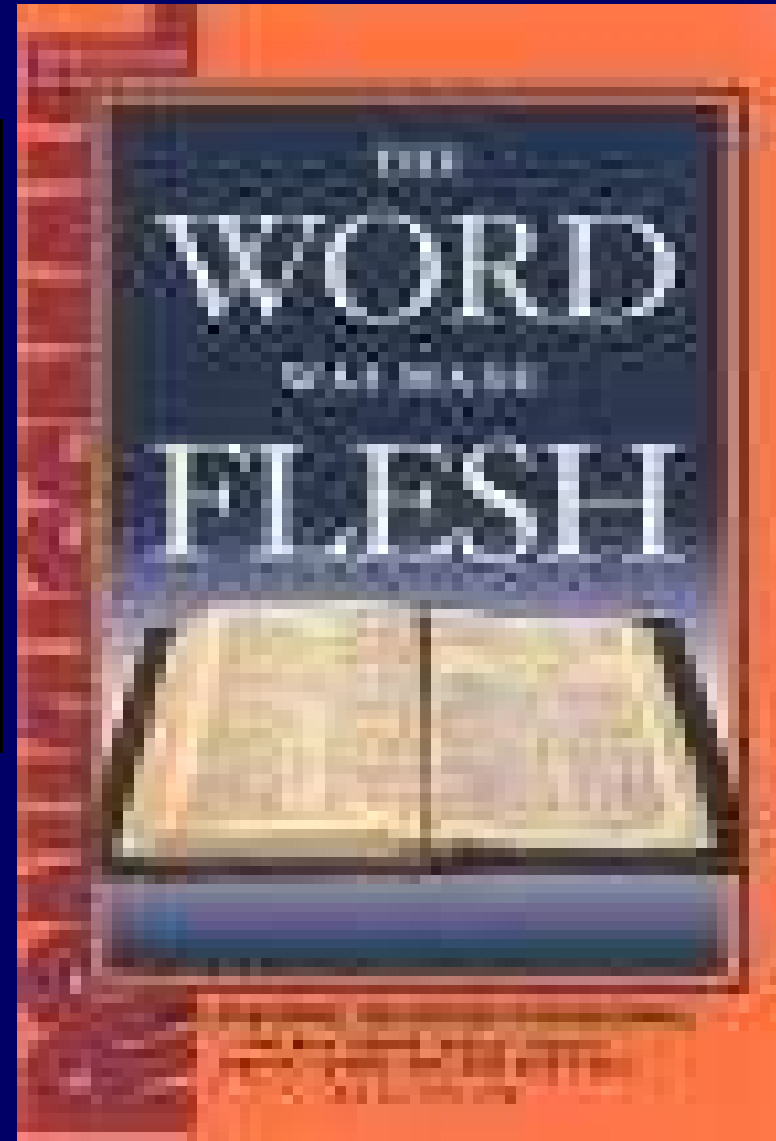


**Doubt, fear, hate- all the bad stuff  
Thrown into the Sea of Oblivion.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**Jesus was the embodiment of the Word.**

**While Jesus was here as a man He said many things about the inerrancy, infallibility and indestructibility of the Scriptures.**



# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION.**

**“Man shall not live by bread [physical food] alone but by EVERY word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”**



**Jesus also said many things about the inspiration and final authority for mankind.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION

If we believe Jesus came back from death.

We must also believe everything  
Jesus said about the Scriptures.

Paul said in:- 2 Timothy 3:16-17;

“ **All Scripture is GOD-breathed** and is useful  
for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training  
in righteousness, so that the man of GOD  
may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”.

“ Do your best to present yourself to GOD as  
one approved, a workman who does not need  
to be ashamed and who correctly handles  
the word of truth”. - 2 Timothy 2:15

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**When you break the doctrine of inspiration down to its essential elements, there are key factors:-**

**Divine origin and causality;**

**Human agency;**

**Written verbally. (in words);**

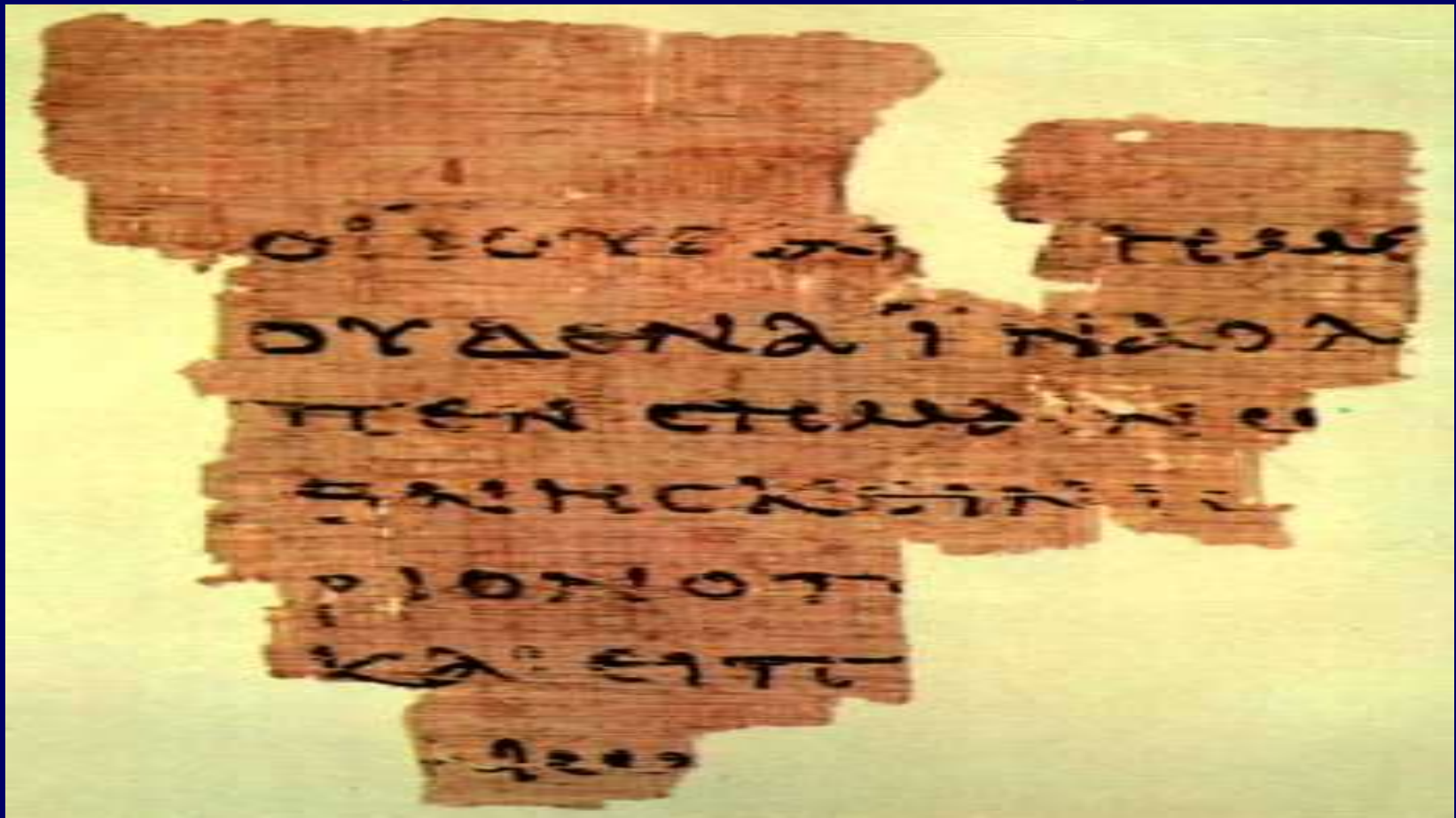
**Plenary. (all of Scripture is inspired,  
not just parts of it);**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION.

The Rylands Papyrus:-

One of the oldest known fragments  
of any part of the New Testament.

(John 18c. 125 A.D.)



# **INSPIRATION and DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

## **No Copy of the original is Inspired...but...**

**If copies are not inspired, then the inference might be that they are not really the infallible and inerrant word of God.**

**But if God has the power and will to inspire a written word, then **He has the power and must have the same will to preserve that written word** through all generations. This would include translations.**



# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION

1 Peter 1:23-25:

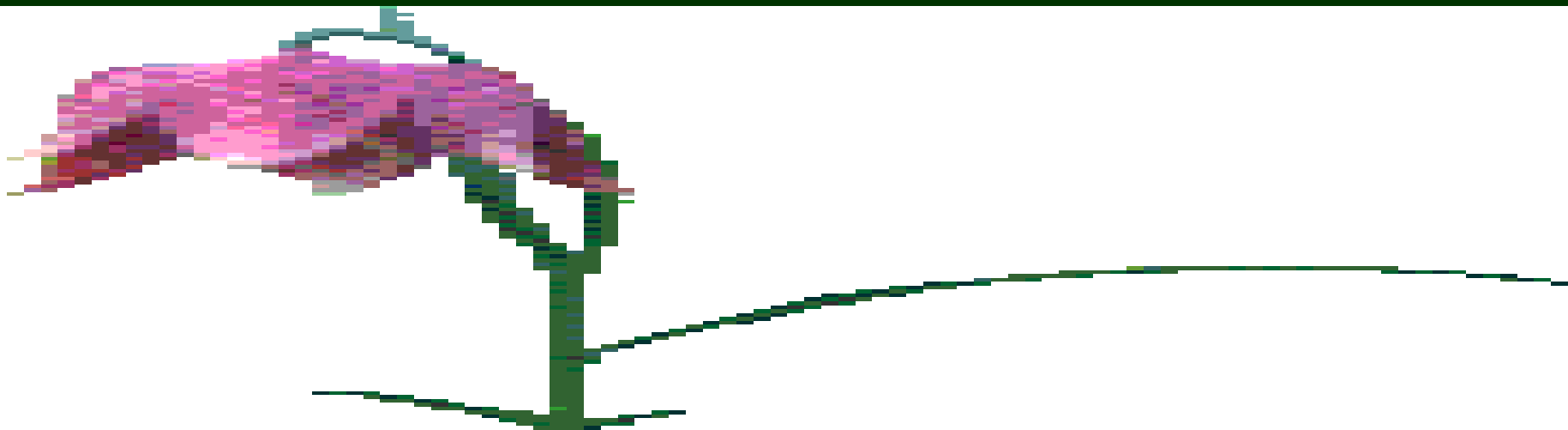
**“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For,**

**"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;**

**the grass withers and the flowers fall,**

**but the word of the Lord stands forever."**

**And this is the word that was preached to you."**





# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**The word inspiration literally means "God-breathed" in the Greek. And because Scripture is breathed out by God, it is true and inerrant. Consider the following syllogism:-**

## **MAJOR PREMISE:-**

**God is true. (Romans 3:4).**

## **MINOR PREMISE:-**

**God breathed out the Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:16;).**

## **CONCLUSION:-**

**Therefore, the Scriptures are true. (John 17:17;).**

The  
TRUTH

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**As illustrated above, the inerrancy of Scripture can be inferred by premises that are themselves taught by Scripture.**

**We read in Scripture that truth is an attribute of God.  
(Jeremiah 10:10; John 1:14; 14:6; 17:3),**

**That God speaks truthfully, - that is,  
He does not lie. (Numbers 23:19;  
1 Samuel 15:29; Titus 1:2; Romans 3:3-4).**

**GOD IS...**  
**Truth**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

**We also are told that Scripture is "breathed out" by God (2 Timothy 3:16). Our breath is in our words. God's breath is in His words. But the word "breath" in Greek can also mean "Spirit."**

**Jesus said, "The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are Life." (John 6:63;).**

**The Word of God, is true. (John 17:14,17; cf. Psalm 119:142; 151; 160; Revelation 21:5; 22:6;).**

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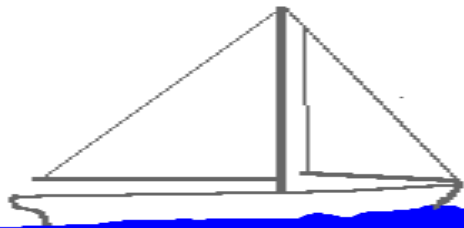
**Truth destroys the darkness  
of ignorance and error.**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE AGENT OF INSPIRATION.**

**2 Peter 1:21; 2tells us that prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.2**

**The word moved in this verse literally means to be "carried along."**

**The Bible's writers  
Were "carried along" By the Holy Spirit."**



# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION.**

**Even though human beings were used in the process of writing down God's Word, they were all literally “carried along” by the Holy Spirit.**

**The human wills of the authors were not the originators or the carriers of God's message.**

**God did not permit the will of sinful man to divert, misdirect, or wrongly record His message.**

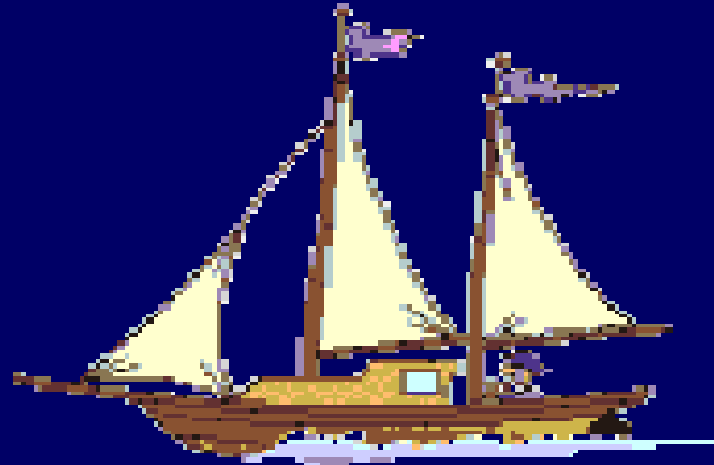
# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION.**

**Interestingly, the Greek word for "moved" in 2 Peter 1:21 (KJV) is the same word found in Acts 27:15-17;**



**The experienced sailors could not navigate the ship because the wind was so strong.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION



**The ship was being driven, directed,  
and carried about by the wind.**

**This is similar to the Spirit's driving,  
directing, and carrying the human authors  
of the Bible as He wished.**

**The word is a strong one, indicating the Spirit's  
complete guidance of the human authors.**



# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION



**Yet, just as the sailors were active on the ship (though the wind, not the sailors, controlled the ship's movement), so the human authors were active in writing as the Spirit directed.**

# **INSPIRATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

**The Old Testament recognizes that it is the Holy Spirit who speaks through its writers.  
(2 Sam 23:2-3;).**

**The Spirit of the Lord speaks through me;  
his words are upon my tongue.**

**The God of Israel spoke. The Rock of Israel said to me: 'The person who rules righteously,  
rules in the fear of God,**

**Indeed, many Old Testament passages quoted in the New Testament are said to have the Holy Spirit as their author, even though a human prophet actually spoke the words in the Old Testament.  
Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16; 28:25; Heb 3:7; 10:15-16;**

**OLD TESTAMENT DESIGNATION/  
NEW TESTAMENT DESIGNATION:- SAME QUOTE.)**

**The psalmist said. (Psalm 95:7;)  
The Holy Spirit said. (Hebrews 3:7;)**

**The psalmist said. (Psalm 45:6;)  
God said. (Hebrews 1:8;)**

**The psalmist said. (Psalm 102:25,27;)  
God said. (Hebrews 1:10-12;)**

**OLD TESTAMENT DESIGNATION/  
NEW TESTAMENT DESIGNATION:- SAME QUOTE.)**

**Isaiah said. (Isaiah 7:14;)/ The Lord spoke  
by the prophet. (Matthew 1:22-23;.)**

**Hosea said. (Hosea 11:1;)/ The Lord spoke  
by the prophet. (Matthew 2:1;).**

**Eliphaz's words. (Job 5:13;)/  
God's Word. (1 Corinthians 3:19;)**



# **INSPIRATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

**Likewise, we read in Acts 4:24-25: And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, "Lord, you are God, who has made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them:-**

**Who by the mouth of your servant David has said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?"**



# INSPIRATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

We read in Acts 28:25; “When they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after Paul had spoken one word, **“Well spoke the Holy Spirit by Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers”**”

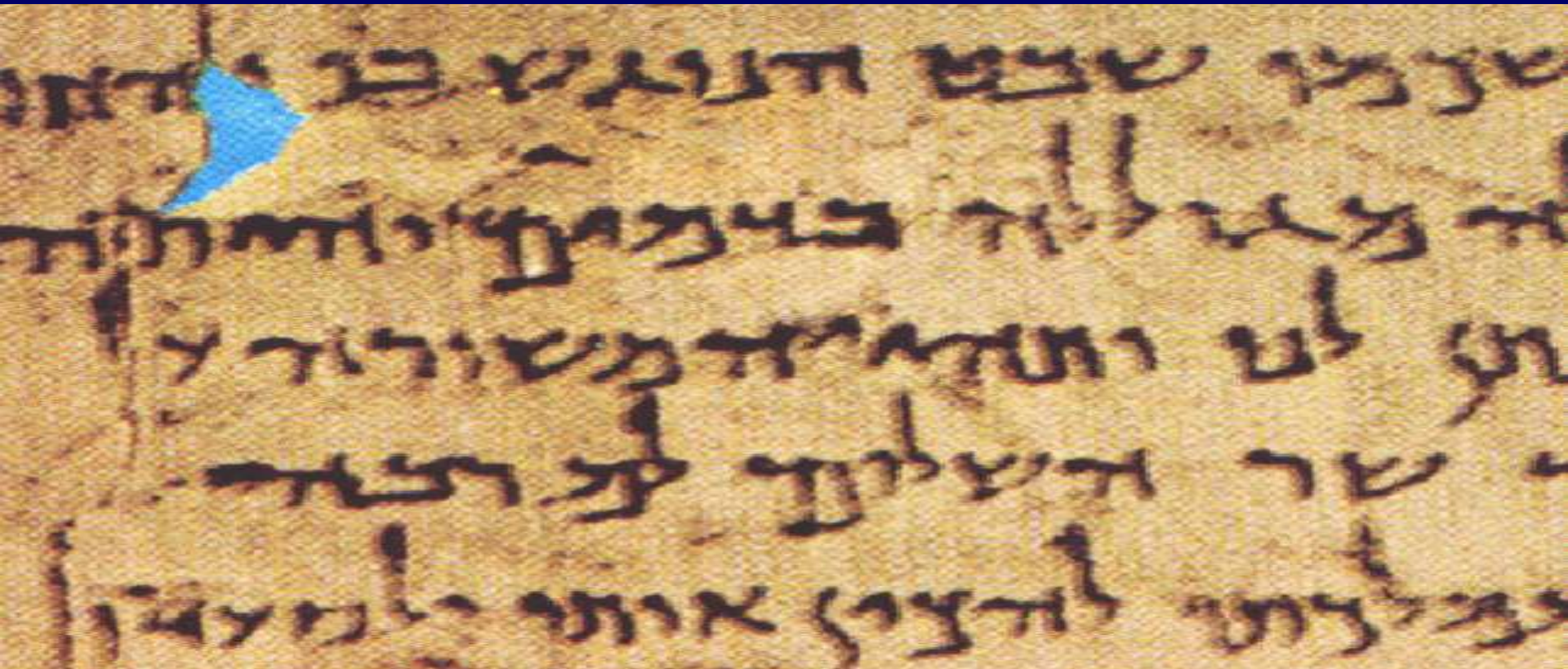
In 2 Samuel 23:2; we read the following words from the mouth of David:- **“The Spirit of the lord spoke by me, and His word was in my tongue.”**

Here is a clear reference to a human being used as a mouthpiece for the Spirit of God.



# INSPIRATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Similarly, we read in Isaiah 59:21, “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” **says the lord;**  
**“My Spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth...”**



Isaiah – Dead Sea Scrolls.

# INSPIRATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Although God used human beings in the process of communicating His words, it is clear that the Holy Spirit was in charge of the process so that no human error or opinion entered into the picture.





# INSPIRATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Turning to Jeremiah 1:9 we read, “Then the lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth.

And the lord said unto me,”

**“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.”**

Again, we see that God is in control of the process of communicating His word to man.

Jeremiah dictates the prophecy to Baruch, his scribe.



# **INSPIRATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.**

**Jesus promised His Apostles that it would be the work of the Holy Spirit to provide an accurate recounting of the events of His life. (John 14:26;).**

**Because of this, you and I  
can trust the Bible as the Word of God.**

**The Holy Spirit superintended the process from  
beginning to end. Let's look at more details  
of this doctrine in the New Testament.**



# THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE "SCRIPTURE."

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [teaching], for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. [correct living]."

## Books of the New Testament

Historical

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
Acts

*"Behold, the days are coming says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant"*

Paul's Epistles

Romans  
First Corinthians  
Second Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
First Thessalonians  
Second Thessalonians  
First Timothy  
Second Timothy

Not Paul's Epistles

Titus  
Philemon  
Hebrews  
James  
First Peter  
Second Peter  
First John  
Second John  
Third John  
Jude  
Revelation

**"All scripture is inspired."**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE "SCRIPTURE."**  
**When Paul said that "all Scripture" is inspired,**  
**did he have in mind just the Old Testament**  
**(which is a common New Testament**  
**usage of the word "Scripture").**

**Did he have a larger grouping in mind, (a grouping**  
**that included some New Testament books)?**



**It therefore makes sense that when Paul used**  
**the term "Scripture" in his second letter to Timothy,**  
**he was thinking not just of Old Testament books**  
**but also of New Testament books**  
**that had been written up to that time.**



# THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE "SCRIPTURE."

The apostle Peter uses the same Greek word for "**Scripture**" to describe the writings of the apostle Paul. (2 Peter 3:16;).

Here is the important point:- **By the time 2 Timothy 3:16; was written, all of the New Testament books had been written except for 2 Peter, Hebrews, Jude, and the apostle John's writings.**



In view of this, Paul was surely including these books in the phrase "**all Scripture is inspired.**" in 2 Timothy 3:16;

Since the remaining books were later acknowledged as belonging to the canon of Scripture. We may say that this verse says something about all 66 books of the Bible.

## Old Testament

### Law

Deuteronomy  
Numbers  
Leviticus  
Exodus  
Genesis

### Historical Books

Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Judith  
Jehoiada  
Joshua

### Poetic Books

Song of Songs  
Ecclesiastes  
Proverbs  
Psalms  
Job

## Old Testament

### Major Prophets

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel

### Minor Prophets

Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

# THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE "SCRIPTURE."

In 1 Timothy 5:18; the apostle Paul joins an Old Testament reference and a New Testament reference and calls them both (collectively) Scripture.  
(Deut 25:4 and Luke 10:7).

## SCRIPTURE



**All Inspired and  
Valuable for Teaching**

It is not unusual that - in the context of first-century Judaism - an Old Testament passage was called **"Scripture"** in the New Testament.

# THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE "SCRIPTURE."

## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ ΚΑΤΑ ΛΟΥΚΑΝ

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## Luke's Gospel-Ancient Greek

It is highly significant that a New Testament book was called "Scripture" so soon after it was written.



# THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE "SCRIPTURE."

We must emphasize that only three to six years had elapsed between the writing of the Gospel of Luke and the writing of 1 Timothy.

Luke was written around A.D. 60;  
1 Timothy was written around A.D. 63.



Yet, despite this, Paul does not hesitate to place Luke on the same level as the Old Testament.  
(the Book of Deuteronomy).

**Luke's Gospel –with Portrait of Luke.**

# JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.

**DIVINE INSPIRATION:-** Matthew 22:43;  
“He said to them, "How is it then that David,  
speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'?"”



# JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.

**INDESTRUCTIBILITY:-** Matthew 5:17-18;

**Jesus says:- "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."**



**"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law **until everything is accomplished.**"**



# JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.

**INFALLIBILITY:- John 10:35;**

**“If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came-and the Scripture cannot be broken-”**



## FINAL AUTHORITY:

**Matthew 4:4,7,10 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"**

# **JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.**

**Jesus answered him, "It is also written:-  
Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**



**Jesus is tempted by Satan**

**Jesus said to him,**

**"Away from me, Satan! For it is written:  
'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"**

# JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.

**HISTORICITY:** Matthew 12:40; 24:37;

**“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days & three nights in the heart of the earth.”**



# **JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.**

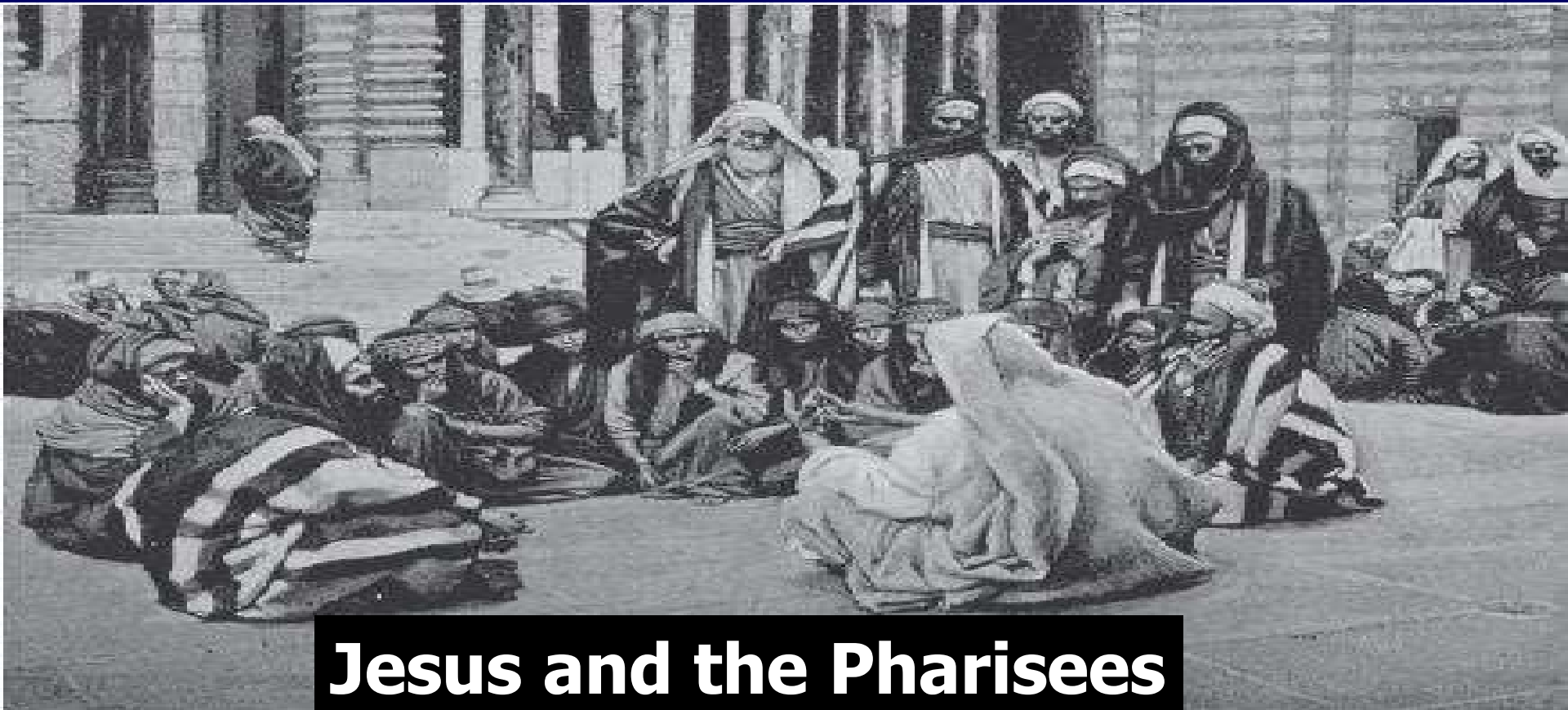
**“As it was in the days of Noah,  
so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.”**



# **JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.**

**SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY:- Matthew 19:2-5;**

**“Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"**



**Jesus and the Pharisees**



# JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE

**"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?"**



# **JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.**

**FACTUAL INERRANCY:- John 17:17-18;**

**“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”**

**Pharisees try to trick Jesus with their questions.**



**Matthew 22:29; Jesus replied,  
"You are in error because you do not know  
the Scriptures or the power of God."**

# **JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.**

**CHRIST-CENTERED UNITY:- Luke 24:6-8;**

**“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:”**

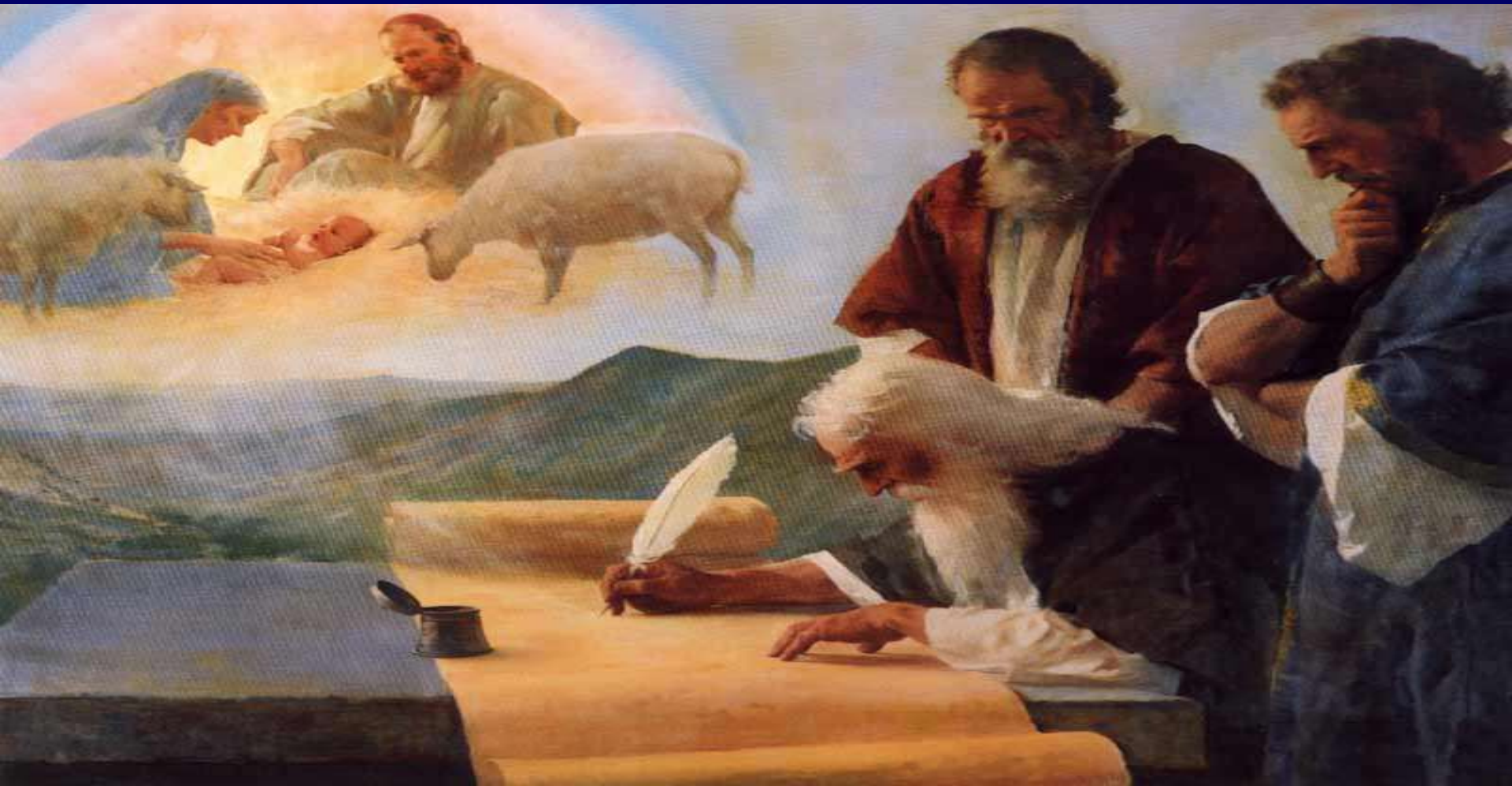


**The Resurrection**

**“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” Then they remembered his words.”**

# JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.

**John 5:39; “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.”**





# **JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE.**

**SPIRITUAL CLARITY:-** Luke 24:25;

**“He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"**



**FAITH AND LIFE SUFFICIENCY:-**

**Luke 16:31; "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"**

# NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES WHERE THEY CLAIM DIVINE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR WRITINGS.

**1 Corinthians 2:13; The apostle Paul said “he spoke not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches”**  
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.



# **NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES WHERE THEY CLAIM DIVINE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR WRITINGS**

**In this passage Paul (who wrote a huge portion of the New Testament) affirms that his words were authoritative because they were rooted not in fallible man but infallible God (the Holy Spirit).**

**The words were taught by the Holy Spirit.**

**The Spirit here is the Spirit of truth, or Holy Spirit, Who was promised to the apostles to teach and guide them into all the truth. (see John 16:13;)**



# NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES WHERE THEY CLAIM DIVINE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR WRITINGS.

1 Corinthians 14:37; Paul says, “If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual [having spiritual gifts], let him acknowledge that **the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.**”



Paul's writings have divine authority because they are **"commandments of the Lord,"** not the words of man.



# **NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES WHERE THEY CLAIM DIVINE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR WRITINGS.**

**1 Thess 2:13; Paul says, “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe.”**

**Again, the reason why Paul's words were authoritative is that they were rooted in God, not in man.**

# THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE "SCRIPTURE."

God used Paul as His instrument to communicate His word to man. Regarding this, note the following summary formulated by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in 1961:-

“It is significant that Paul, while holding to the view of a canon of **God-breathed writings** which constitute "the oracles of God," **claims for his own teaching, either oral or written, equal status.**”



# **NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES WHERE THEY CLAIM DIVINE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR WRITINGS.**

**The word that he preached was not "the word of men" but "the word of God." (1 Thess 2:13;)**

**That which he wrote was  
"the commandment of the Lord." (1 Cor 14:37;)**

**“He that does not obey the writing of the apostle is to be disciplined.” (2 Thess 3:14;)**

**“If any man preach or teach any other gospel than that which Paul proclaimed, he is to be accursed.”  
(Gal 1:8-9;)**

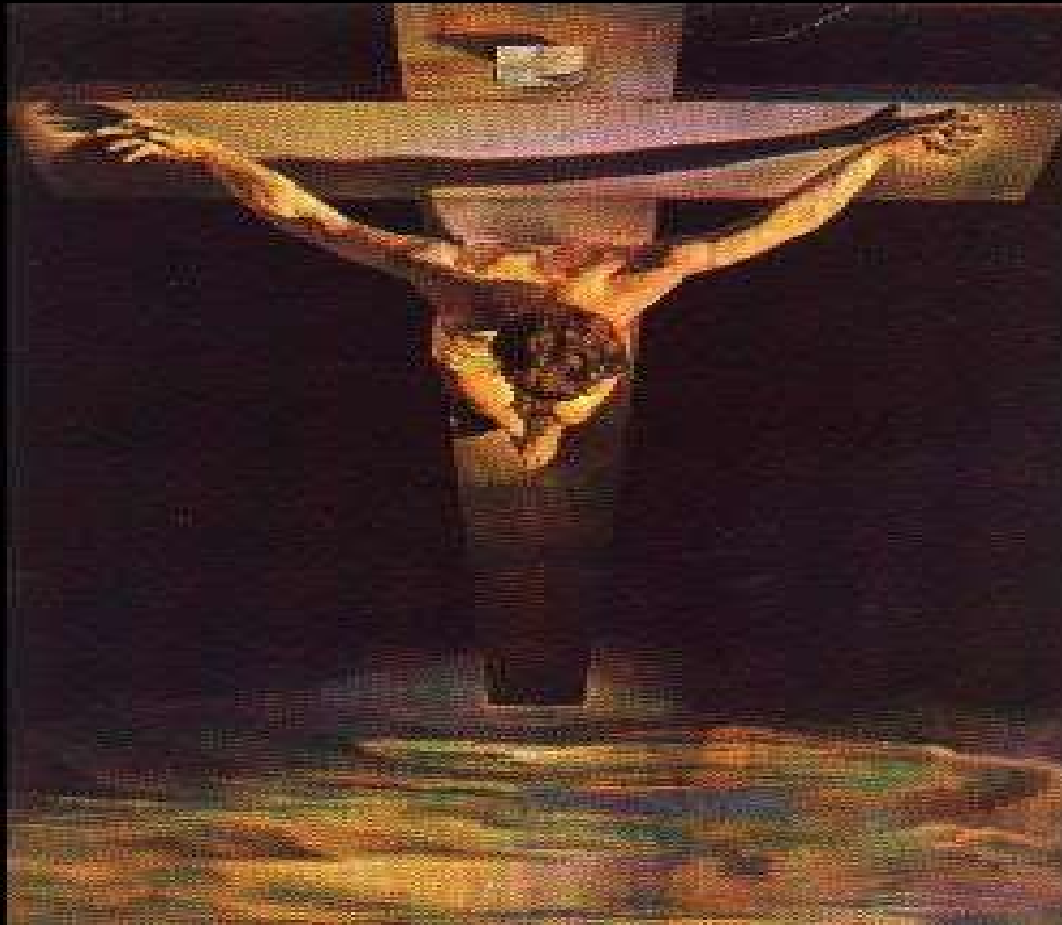
# **NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES WHERE THEY CLAIM DIVINE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR WRITINGS.**

**When Paul speaks as an apostle of Jesus Christ to the churches it is "Christ that speaks through him"  
(2 Cor 13:3;)**

**Paul did not learn his gospel at the feet of men but rather received it "through revelations of Jesus Christ." Gal. 1:12; Some of which were "wonderful revelations." (2 Cor 12:7;)**

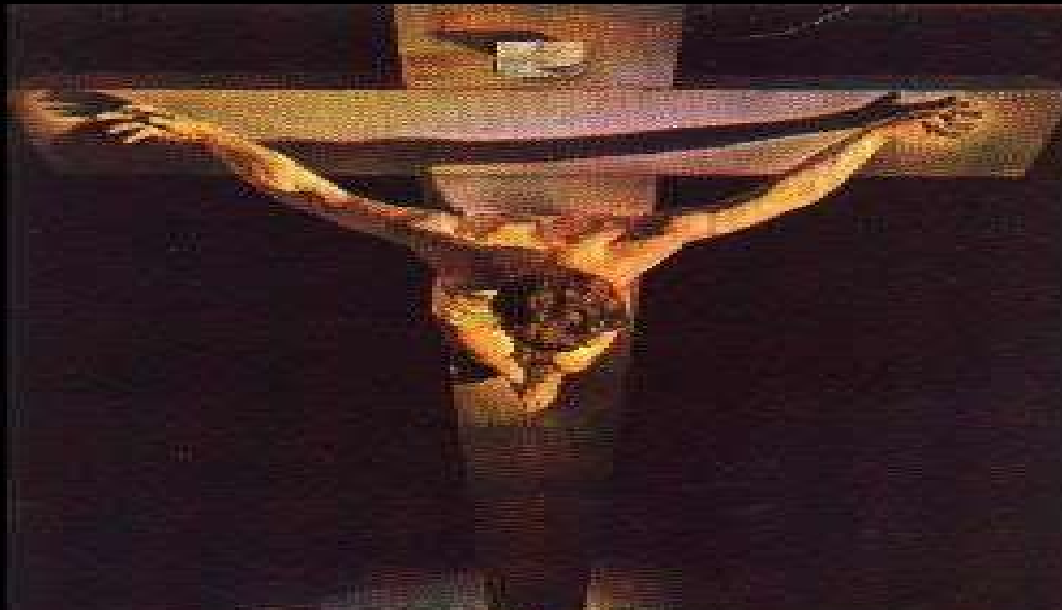
# **FULFILLED PROPHECY: A PROOF OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.**

**From the Book of Genesis to the Book of Malachi,  
the Old Testament has many predictions  
of the coming Messiah.**



# FULFILLED PROPHECY: A PROOF OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.

Numerous predictions:- Fulfilled to the “**crossing of the t**” and the “**dotting of the l**” in the New Testament - relate to His birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, and glory.



These **fulfilled prophecies** constitute a **powerful witness** for the **inspiration of Scripture**.

# **FULFILLED PROPHECY: A PROOF OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.**

**The New Testament writers often pointed to how Christ was the specific fulfillment of a messianic prophecy in the Old Testament.**



# **MESSIANIC PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY JESUS CHRIST.**

**SEED OF WOMAN:**

**Genesis 3:15;**

**VIRGIN BIRTH:**

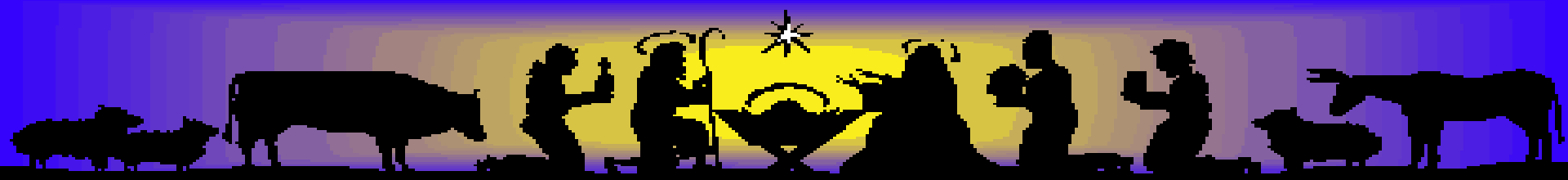
**Isaiah 7:14;**

**BIRTHPLACE: BETHLEHEM:**

**Micah 5:2;**

**FORERUNNER: JOHN:**

**Malachi 3:1;**





**FULFILLED PROPHECY: A PROOF OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.**

**MINISTRY OF MIRACLES:**

**Isaiah 35:5-6;**

**SOLD FOR 30 SHEKELS:**

**Zechariah 11:12;**

**HANDS AND FEET PIERCED:**

**Psalms 22:16;**



**CRUCIFIED WITH THIEVES:**

**Isaiah 53:12;**

**FULFILLED PROPHECY: A PROOF OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.**

**NO BONES BROKEN:**

Psalm 22:17;

**SUFFERED THIRST ON CROSS:**

Psalm 69:21;

An amazingly  
unmarked  
(unrealistic)  
thirsty Jesus  
is offered  
a sponge  
soaked  
in vinegar.



**RESURRECTION:**

Psalm 16:10; 22:22;

# FULFILLED PROPHECY: A PROOF OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.

It is logical to conclude that **if** these prophecies were written many hundreds of years before they were fulfilled and **if** they could never have been foreseen.

**if** they depended upon factors outside human control for their fulfillment.

**if** all of these prophecies were, in fact, precisely fulfilled in the minutest detail **then clearly the Scriptures are divine in origin and not man-made.**

# **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.**

**The Bible's accuracy and reliability has been proved  
and verified over and over again by Archaeological  
finds produced by both believing and  
non believing scholars and scientists.**

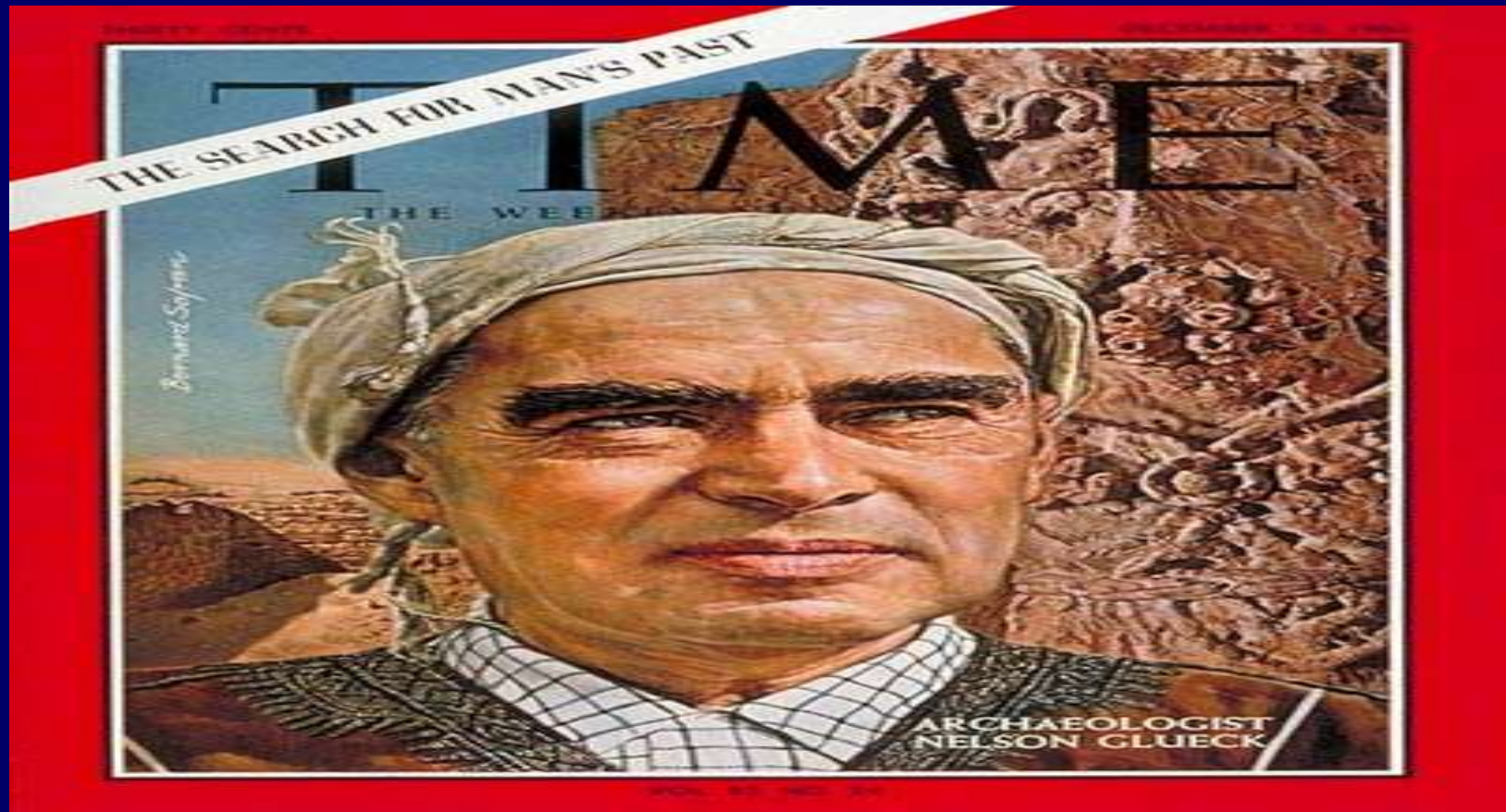


**This includes verification for numerous customs,  
places, names, and events mentioned in the Bible.**



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION

**Nelson Glueck, an archaeologist and specialist in ancient literature, said: "It can be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference."**



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION.

**Bible scholar Donald J. Wiseman said,**

**"The geography of Bible lands and visible remains of antiquity were gradually recorded until today more than 25,000 sites within this region and dating to Old Testament times, in their broadest sense, have been located...."**



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSPIRATION

Well-known Bible scholar and archaeologist William F. Albright said: **"Discovery after discovery has established the accuracy of innumerable details, and has brought increased recognition of the value of the Bible as a source of history."**



**“Archaeological studies have been  
a true friend to the Bible.”**



## **NON-CHRISTIAN SOURCES THAT SPEAK OF CHRIST.**

**Besides Christian witnesses in the early centuries of Christianity, there were also non-Christian sources living close to the time of Christ that corroborate Christ as an historical figure.**

**For example, Jewish historian Flavius Josephus (born A.D. 37) made reference to "Jesus, the so-called Christ."**

# NON-CHRISTIAN SOURCES THAT SPEAK OF CHRIST.

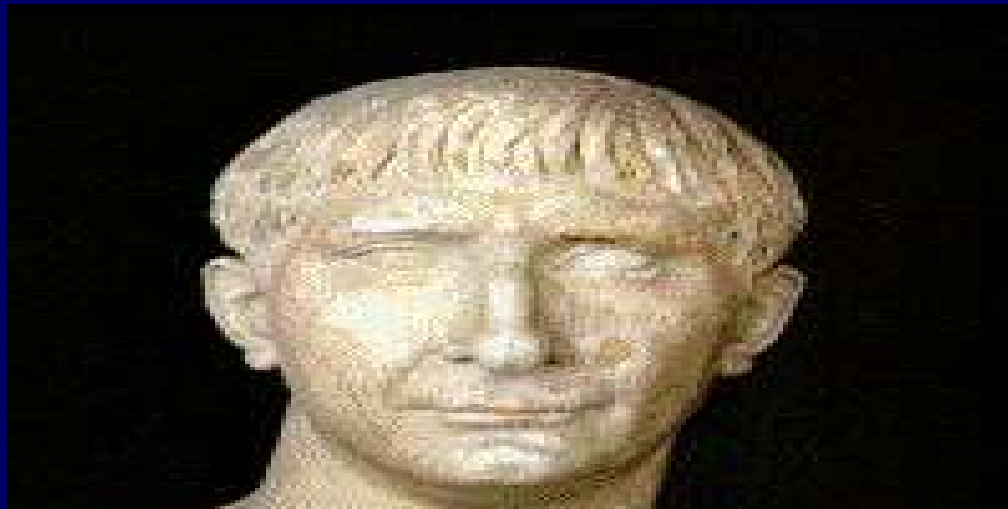
**Roman historian Cornelius Tacitus (born A.D. 52)  
wrote of "Christus," who was  
"put to death by Pontius Pilate."**



## NON-CHRISTIAN SOURCES THAT SPEAK OF CHRIST.

Pliny the Younger (A.D. 112) spoke of the  
"troublesome sect of Christians."

Suetonius (A.D. 120) spoke of disturbances  
over "Chrestus" (Christ).



When compared to all other Historical characters  
the **"external evidence"** for  
the reliability of the Bible is overwhelming.

# THE DIVINE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE.

The authority of the Bible is a natural outgrowth of the Bible as inspired revelation from God.

**Robert Lightner** puts it:-

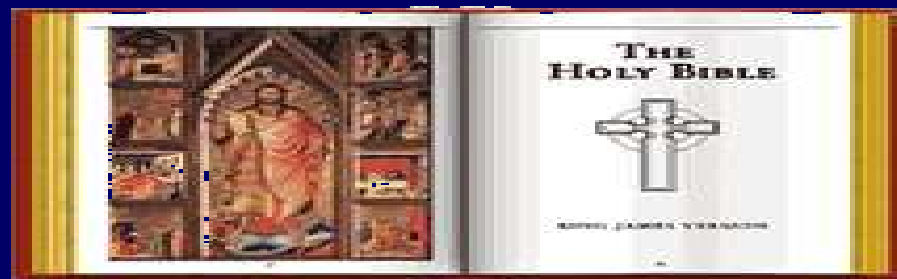
**“When the questions of revelation and inspiration with regard to the Bible have been answered, the issue of authority will have been settled.**

# THE DIVINE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

**In other words, how one views revelation and inspiration will determine how we view the Bible's authority...**

**Since the written revelation from God has been recorded under the Spirit's superintendence and is "the very breath of God."**

**It is therefore authoritative:-  
just as authoritative  
as the One who gave it...**



# **THE DIVINE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE.**

**The authority of Scripture cannot be separated from the authority of God.**

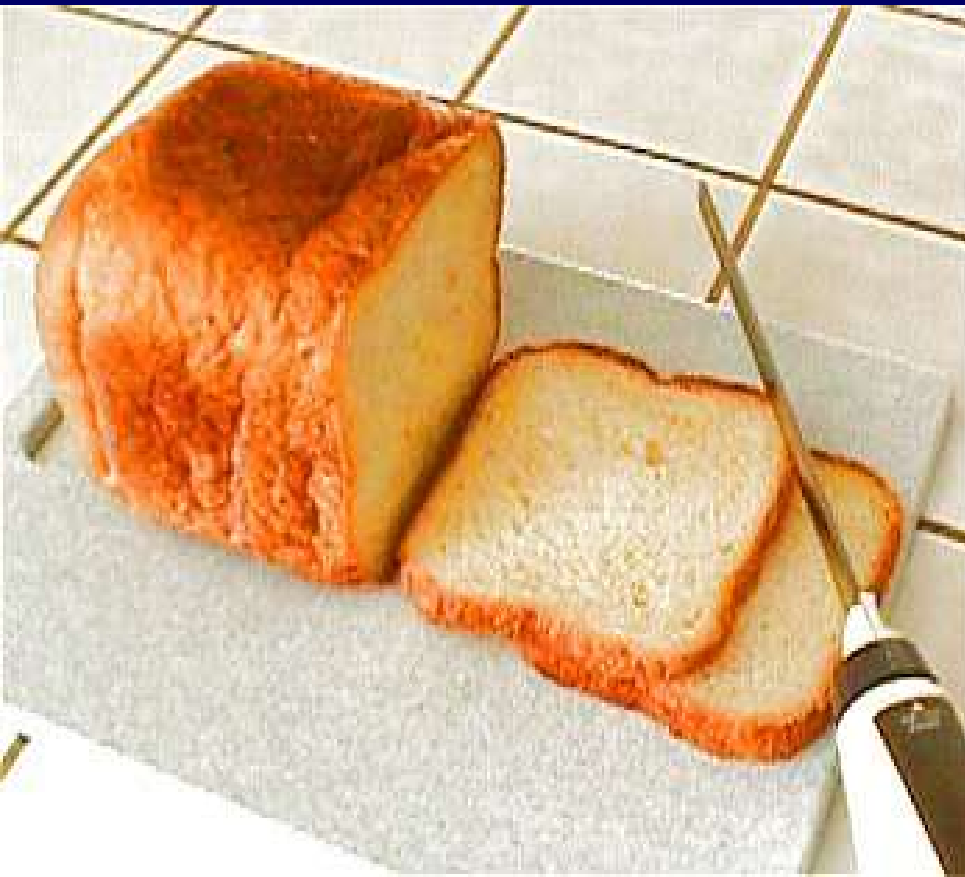
**“Whatever the Bible affirms, God affirms.**

**What the Bible affirms (or denies), it affirms (or denies) with the very authority of God.”**

**Theologian Rene Pache agrees, noting that "if God entirely inspired Scripture (as we have seen that He did), then Scripture is vested with His authority."**

# THE DIVINE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matt 4:4;)



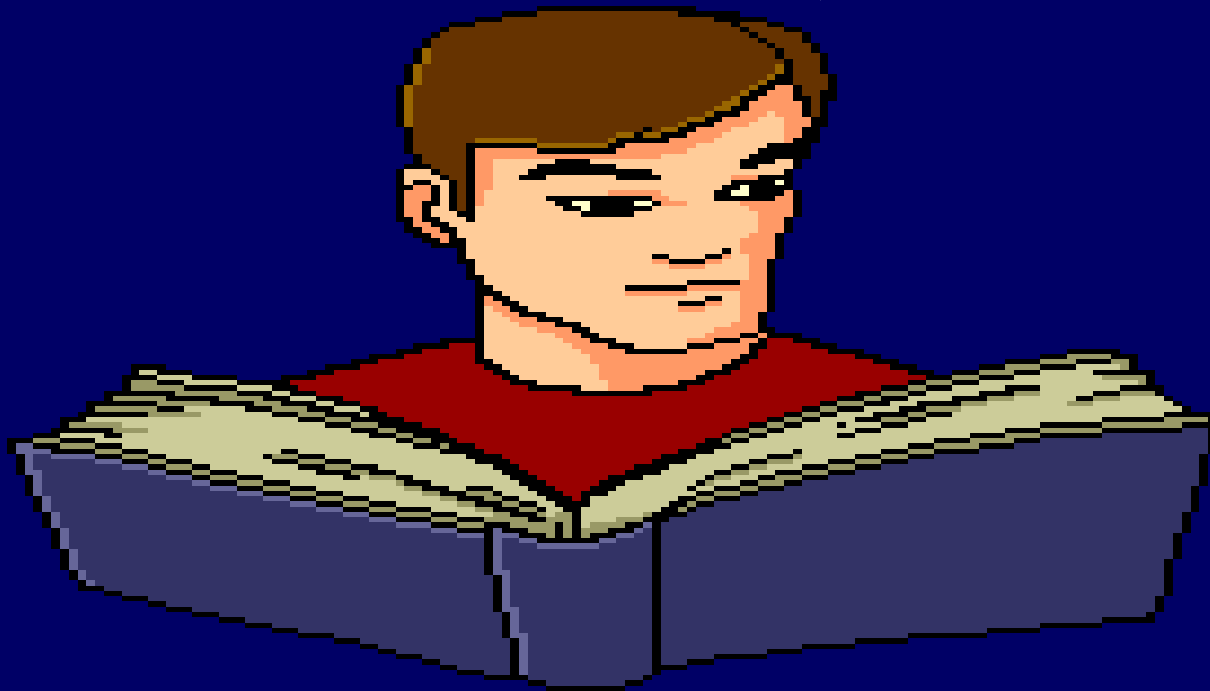


# THE DIVINE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**We need to learn to rightly divide the word of God.**

“Work hard so God can approve you. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who **correctly explains** the word of truth.”

2 Tim 2:15;



# THE DIVINE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We have seen that the Bible, although it came indirectly from God (through human writers),  
**its writings were superintended  
and preserved by the Holy Spirit.**



If the Bible says God, Who cannot lie, said it,  
then we will do well to believe it and obey it.

# **THE DIVINE INSPIRATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE**

**He Said it; I Believe It**

**by Ellis Jones**

**He said it; I believe it;  
Now it's my place to just do it.**


**He knows much more than I.**

**His is a better plan,  
Than that of any man.  
And He can never lie.**

# **THE DIVINE INSPIRATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE**

## **He Said it; I Believe It**

**by Ellis Jones**



**So I'll trust His written Word,  
To test what I have heard;**

**I won't be led astray.  
And to others I will tell  
The same good old Gospel  
As I walk in God's Way.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION Lesson 2 Slide 33**

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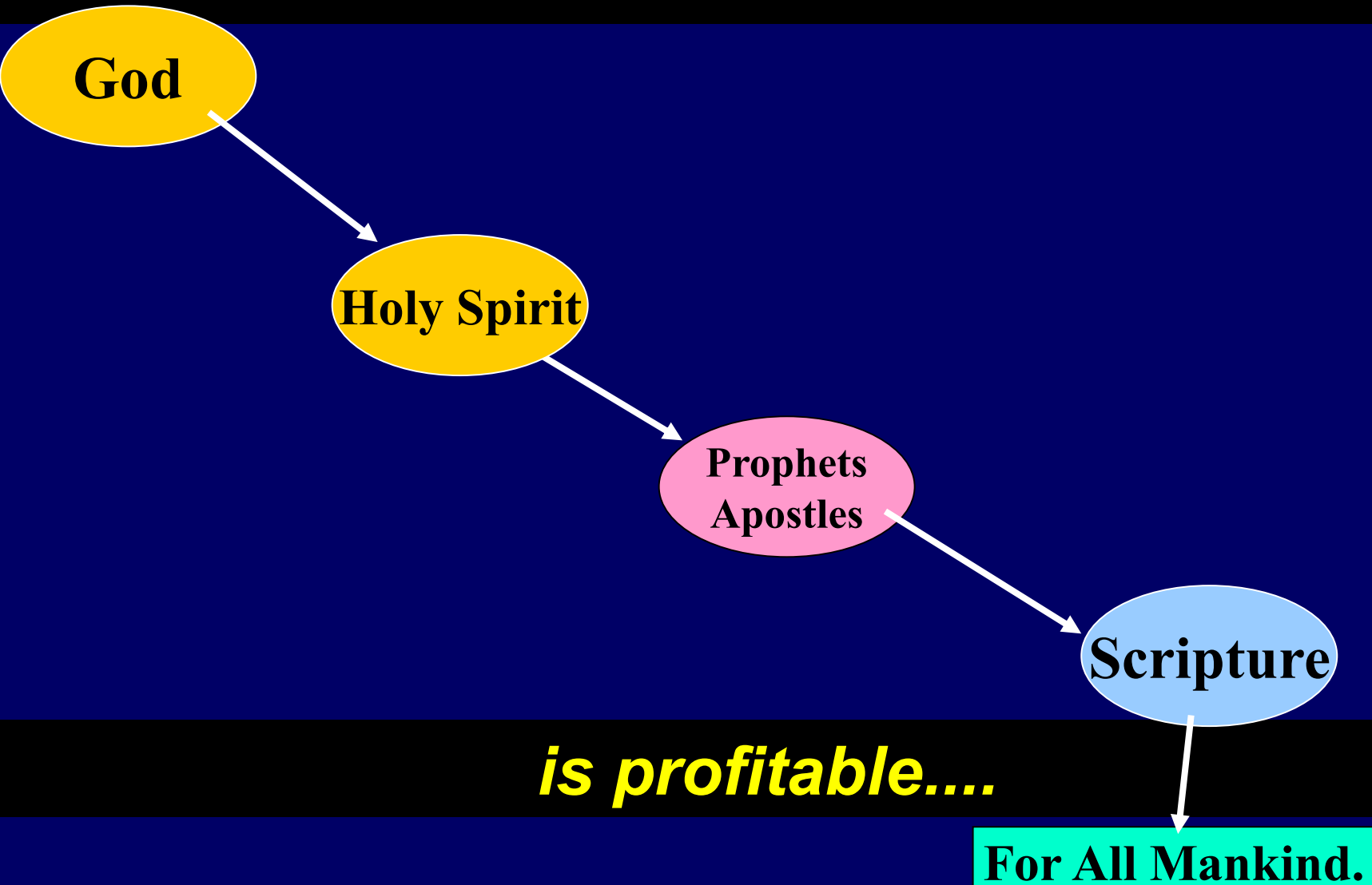
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# **THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION**

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# THE HOLY SPIRIT and the SCRIPTURES.

## A Direct Line of Divine Revelation from God to Man.





# THE HOLY SPIRIT and INSPIRATION.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### IN MEN!

**HOLY SPIRIT TO REVEAL  
ALL TRUTH** Jn. 16:12-14;  
Eph. 3:1-5; 1 Cor. 2:6-13.

### ORAL

**MIRACLES TO CONFIRM**

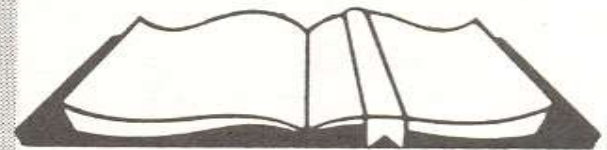
Mark 16:17-20.  
Signs of Apostleship,  
2 Cor. 12:12.

### *All Oral*

Whole Counsel,  
Acts 20:20-27.  
Same Taught in All  
Churches,  
1 Cor. 4:17.

*Both Oral and Written*  
2 Thess. 2:15; 2 Pet. 3:1-2; 1 Cor. 13:8-13.

### IN THE



### BOOK!

### WRITTEN

**NO REVELATIONS**  
Jude 3.

**NO MIRACLES**  
Word Confirmed,  
Heb. 2:1-4.  
Can Read,  
Jn. 20:30-31.

### *All Written*

Impartation by Laying on of  
Apostles' Hands,  
Acts 8:17-18; 19:6; Rom. 1:11.

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**Scripture is the mind of God revealed through  
the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 2:9-13; 2 Tim. 3:16;)**

# How to Dig Deeper



*Prov. 2:1-5;*

My child, if you accept my words  
and store up  
my commands within you,  
**turning your ear** to wisdom  
and **applying your heart**  
to understanding,  
and if you call out for insight  
and cry aloud  
for understanding,  
and **if you look for it**  
**as for silver and search for it**  
**as for hidden treasure,**  
**THEN** you will understand  
the fear of the LORD and  
**FIND** the knowledge of God.



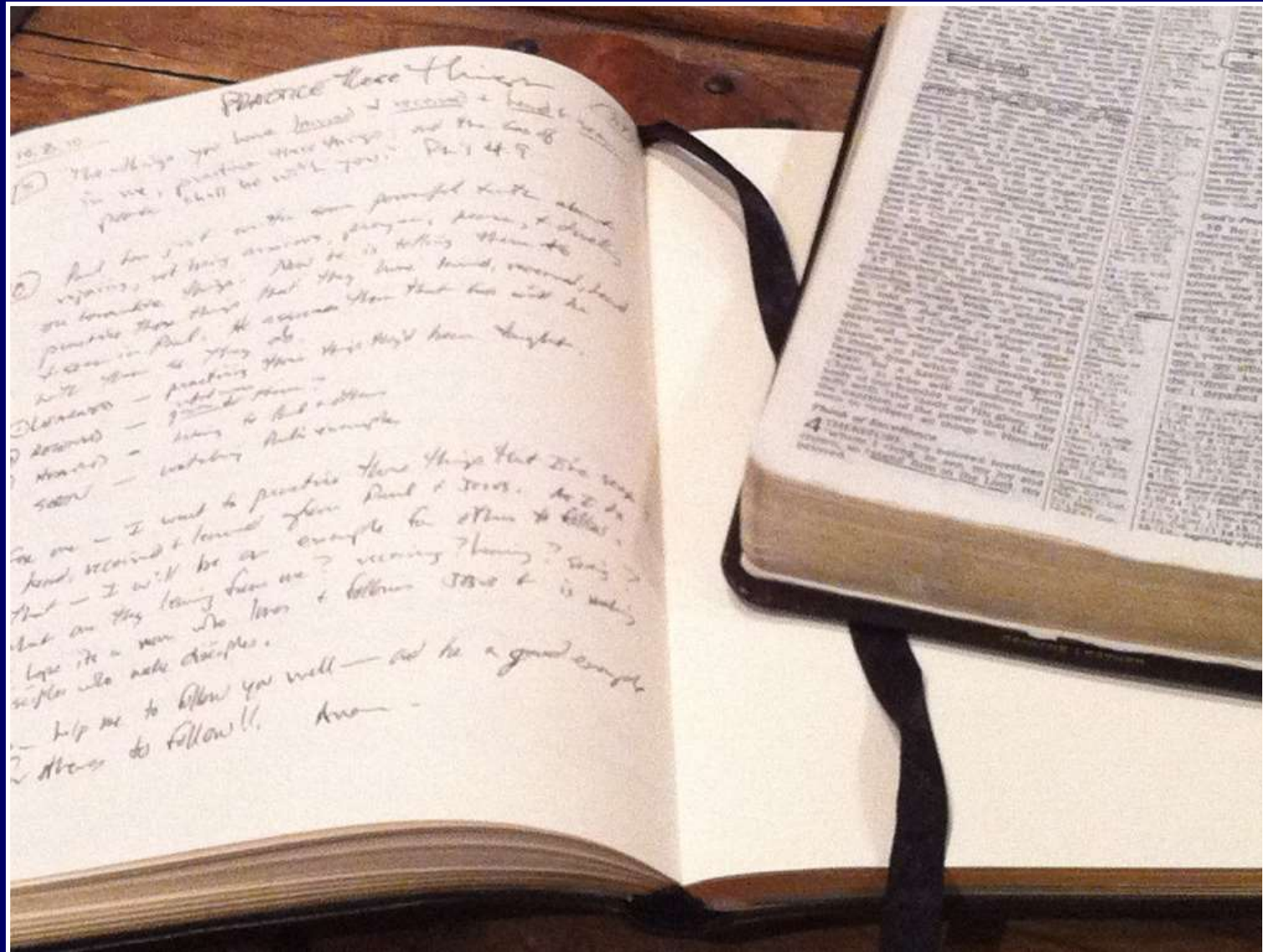
# Victory and Joy Await



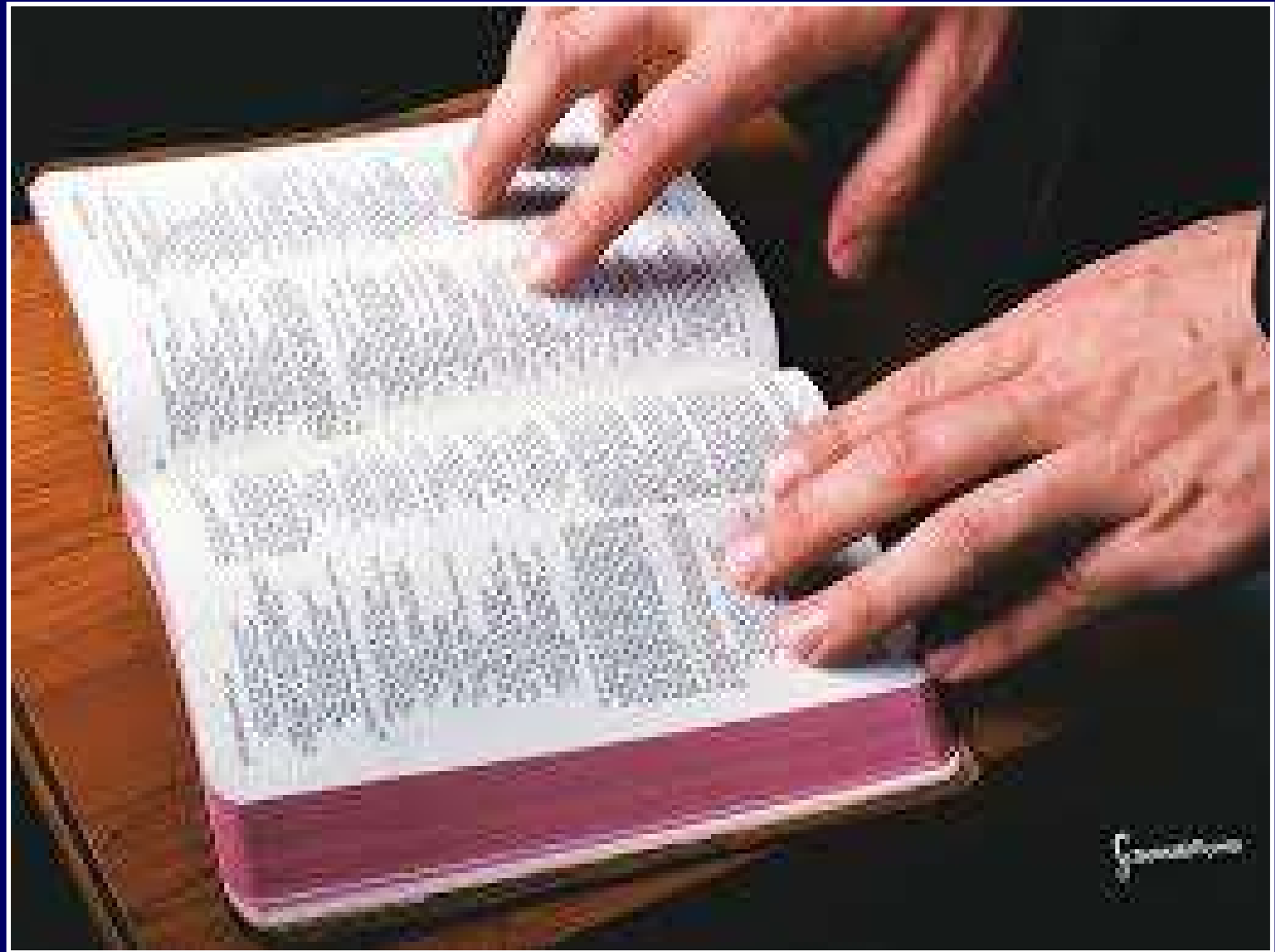
“For the LORD gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. **He holds victory in store for the upright,** He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair— every good path. **For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.”**      **Prov. 2:6-10**



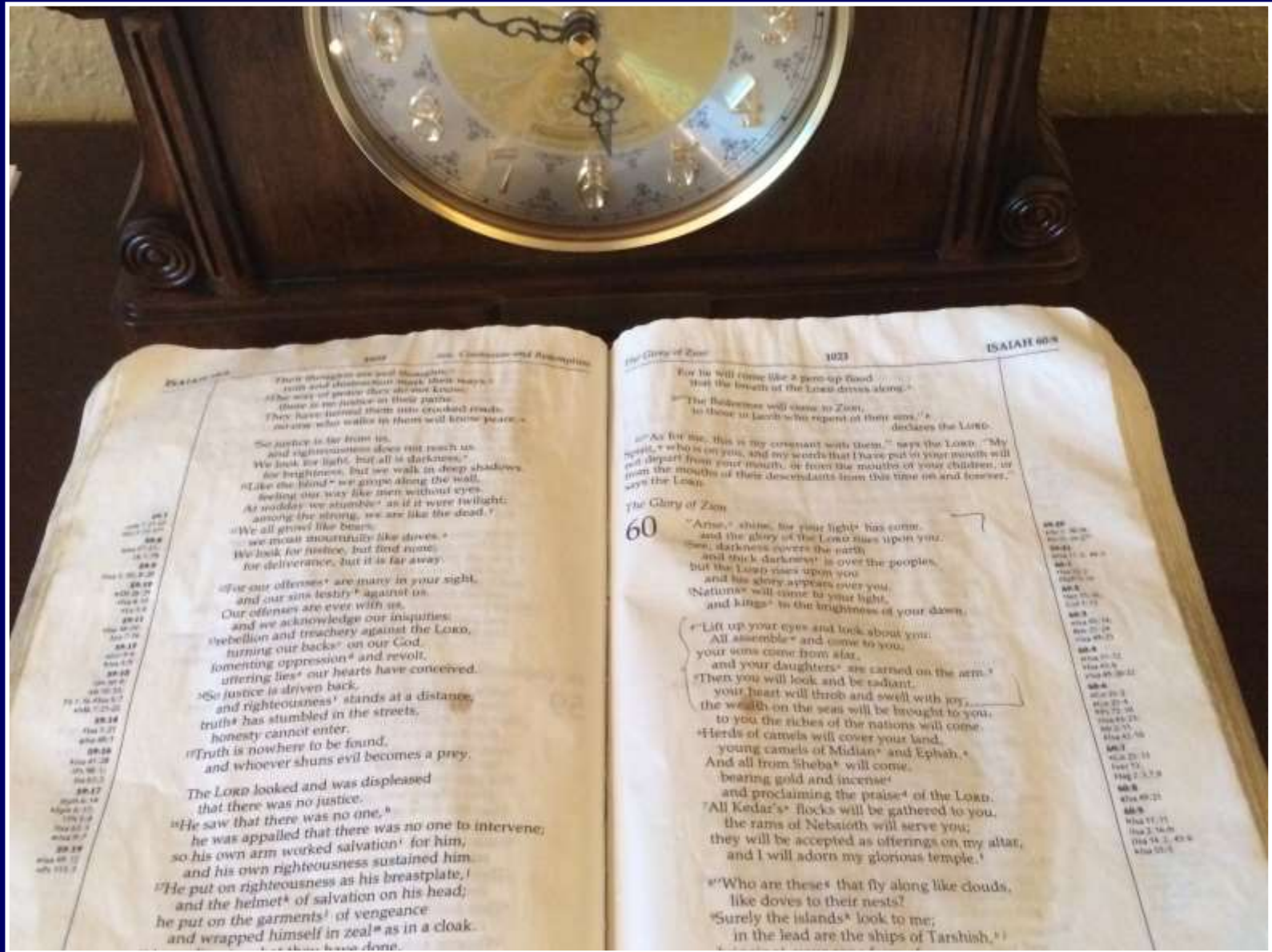
# Use a NOTE BOOK when you are reading / studying.



**Use A Quiet Place...**



# Give yourself Enough Time.





# **Focus On Your Study On...**

**One book.**

**One chapter.**

**One section. i.e., Phil 2:1-11, Eph 6:10-20;**

**One verse.**

**One character. (major or minor characters.)**

**One topic:- grace, love, faith, prayer, etc.**

# **What Do I Study?**

**Ask for God's blessing, then ask Yourself...**

**Do I need to see Jesus? - Gospels, Phil 2, Col 1,  
Hebrews, Isa 53.**

**Do I need to know God better? -Psalms, OT characters'  
relationships with God.**

**Do I need to be more spiritual? - Sermon on the Mount,  
The Psalms.**

**Do I need more faith? -**

**Do I need to understand the grace of God? –**

# **What Do I Study?**

**Do I need to learn to love more? - 1 Cor. 13, 1 John.,  
Study "love" from one book.**

**Do I need more inspiration? - Book of Joshua,  
inspiring Bible characters.**

**Do I need encouragement as a young Christian? –  
Col. 3:1-17, Shorter letters of Paul,  
Gospels (Mark & John.)**

**Do I need encouragement as an older Christian? -  
Hebrews.**

**Do I need to work harder, be more disciplined? –  
Proverbs, James.**

**Do I need to be more effective in service? –  
Pastoral epistles, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Acts.**

# **What Do I Study?**

**Do I need help in handling the difficulties of life? –**  
Ecclesiastes, Job, life of David.

**Do I need to be a better spouse, parent, son or daughter? –**  
Eph. 5:22-6:4, Proverbs.

**Do I need more joy? –** Philippians.

**Do I need a stronger prayer life? –** Prayer life of Moses,  
David, Paul or Jesus.

**Do I need help in overcoming sin, growing spiritually? –**  
later chapters of Ephesians,  
Colossians, Galatians, Psa. 51.

# Seven Questions to ask of any passage:

Is there a *PROMISE* to claim?

Is there a *COMMAND* to obey?

Is there a *SIN* to avoid?

Is there a *TEACHING* about God, Jesus,  
The Holy Spirit or another Bible subject  
that I need *to believe*?

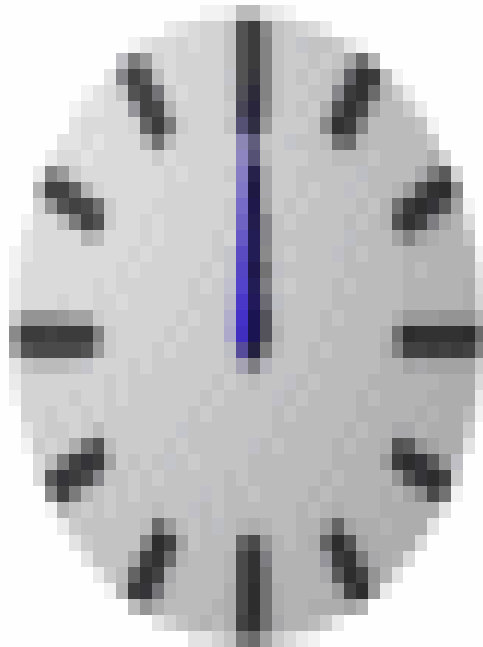
Is there an **EXAMPLE** to follow or avoid?

Is there a **DIFFICULTY** to explore?

Is there **SOMETHING** in this passage

**I NEED TO PRAY ABOUT today?**

# It's time to teach the gospel by example.



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