

Bible Introduction
Week 4: Inspiration
Student Notes

Where does the Bible's authority come from?

God is the Author of the Bible, and its authority comes from Him.

2 Tim 3:16-17 NKJV ~ ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1. All Scripture ~ The Old Testament and the New Testament work together to explain each other.
 - a. Romans 15:4
2. Given by inspiration of God ~ God spoke directly to and worked through the Biblical writers.
 - a. (Websters1828) *GIVEN* ~ Bestowed; granted; conferred; imparted

Inspiration explained:

- b. 2 Samuel 23:1-2 ~ David
- c. John 12:49-50 ~ Jesus

Inspiration confirmed:

- d. Deuteronomy 18:21-22
- e. Numbers 16:28-32 ~ Moses
- f. Matthew 16:21; 17:22; 20:17-19; 26:47-28:9

2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV ~ ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as *they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

3. Private interpretation means one's own explanation
 - a. 1 Corinthians 2:4-6 ~ If men had written in their own understanding, then the demonstratable power would not be there for us today. Our faith would not

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be in God; it would be in men, and without faith in Him, we can't please Him (Hebrews 11:6).

- b. 1 Corinthians 3:19-21 AMPC ~ ¹⁹For this world's wisdom is foolishness (absurdity and stupidity) with God, for it is written, 'He lays hold of the wise in their [own] craftiness'; ²⁰And again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts *and* reasonings of the [humanly] wise *and* recognizes how futile they are.'

4. The will of man ~ will: (Strong's) determination or choice

- a. The Bible is the will of God; it was by His choice that men wrote it.
- b. Exodus 3:10-11 & 4:13
- c. Acts 9:1-6

5. Holy men ~ These were separated men specifically chosen by God.

- a. 1 Samuel 16:10-13
- b. Acts 9:13-17
 - i. Chosen ~ to pick out or select

6. Spoke as they were moved ~ They were obedient to what the Lord commanded of them.

- a. Numbers 24:10-13

Faithfulness:

- b. 1 Corinthians 10:5-11
 - i. They faithfully recorded everything inerrantly, including all the error and untruths committed by men, i.e. Job mistaken declarations. Even though the Holy Spirit moved men to record faithfully does not mean that God condoned the sin of men.

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Personal:

c. Luke 1:1-4

7. By the Holy Spirit ~ God decided what they should say and do and write.

a. John 16:13

i. The Holy Spirit works in step with God.

b. 1 Corinthians 2:10-14

i. God freely gives wisdom. Listen with your understanding but also listen to the Holy Spirit for He is Your true teacher.

Why is it important to trust the Bible?

2 Tim 3:16-17 AMPC ~ ¹⁶Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof *and* conviction of sin, for correction of error *and* discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), ¹⁷ So that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, well fitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work.

8. Profitable means helpful or serviceable.

9. For instruction, for reproof *and* conviction of sin, for correction of error *and* discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), ¹⁷ So that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, well fitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work.

a. Since the Bible is God's direct Word to us, we can rely on it, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to teach us.

10. Hebrews 4:12

a. Inspiration moves the Bible from just a book of rules or a formula to live by and takes it into the foundation of our relationship with the One who inspired it.