

Like every other attack on truth, the object of the attack is never man, but God. It is not blasphemous to say that man is corrupt and sinful, but it is blasphemous to say that due to man's corruption that God cannot through man make perfect truth available especially after God said He would (Psalm 12:6).

III. The Nature of inspiration

- A. \_\_\_\_\_—every \_\_\_\_\_ was a result of inspiration (Prov. 30:5-6; 2 Pe. 3:2; Rev. 1:3; 21:5; 22:19; Ex. 24:4; 34:27; Psa. 12:6; 33:4; Jer. 30:2; Matt. 4:4).
  
- B. \_\_\_\_\_—every \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture is equally and fully inspired (Acts 4:20; 20:27).

Discipleship Course

Understanding the Scriptures

The Inspiration of the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:16; II Pe. 1:21)

To continue our journey of truth from God to man, we must now move from the revelation of God to man by different means to the inspiration of the Scriptures. The fact that God has a body of truth that He desires to communicate to man, necessitates that it be written down in a record that is accurate and preserved.

I. Definition of inspiration

A. *Theopneustos*

- The Greek word *theopneustos* was translated "inspiration" and occurs only once in the New Testament (II Tim. 3:16).
  1. *Theo*—\_\_\_\_\_
  2. *Pneustos*—\_\_\_\_\_
  
- This word reveals to us that the words of Scripture are given by the breath of God.

B. Theological definition

“The theological use of the term inspiration is in reference to that controlling influence which God exerted over the human authors by whom the Old and New Testament were written. It has to do with the reception of the divine message and the accuracy with which it is transcribed.” (Chafer, *Systematic Theology*. Vol. 1, p. 61)

II. Method of inspiration—\_\_\_\_\_ authorship

- There are several theories as to how God was able to give us the Scriptures. The truth is that the whole Bible is truly God’s word written by men.

A. The Scriptures originate with \_\_\_\_\_ and are an expression of His mind alone (I Cor. 2:16 c.f. 1:10).

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven (John 5:20–23, 30)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_, the living Word (Heb. 1;1–2; John 15:26)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 2:12; John 16:7–16)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:1–4; Eph. 2:20)

B. The Scriptures were infallibly received, communicated and written by men, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (I Thess. 2;13; II Pe. 1:18–21).

C. The contradiction (Heb. 12:3).

- Many try to attack the accuracy of Scripture because of man’s part in its writing. The thought is that if man, being sinful, was involved, the product could never be perfect or trustworthy.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Word (John 1:1–2; I John 1:1)

- Jesus Christ was a hypostatic union between two natures, divine and man. Jesus Christ being the living Word of God is an example of the coexistence of both natures, and due to the divine nature, it became impossible for the nature of man to sin.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Word (Prov. 30:5; Heb. 4:12)

- In the same way, we have the written word, in which inspiration is a hypostatic union between the divine origin of truth and the human recording of that truth. The fact that God’s nature is perfect renders the human aspect of writing the Scriptures infallible.