

## Biblical Inspiration

### I. Review

- A. Historical Reliability
- B. Archaeology
- C. Manuscripts
- D. Fulfilled prophecy
- E. Statistical probability

All of these things are basically dealing with the truth of the Bible.

### II. Is the Bible really God's book?

In these next two classes we want to take some of the things we have learned up to now and be able to use them to show clearly that the Bible's origins are in God, not man, and we want to prove that the Bible is the unique and authoritative Word of God.

### III. Inspiration and the Bible.

#### A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (open and read)

- i. How much of the Bible is inspired? “All scripture” -- You cannot pick and choose what you want to believe.
- ii. What are we talking about when we say the “inspiration” of the Bible -- Greek, “*Teopneustos*,” meaning, “God breathed”. (See Matt 4:4)
  - a) Our breath comes from the innermost part of our body, but you can't see it.
- iii. Why have we been given the Bible? To be “complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work”

### IV. How the Bible was written.

#### A. 2 Peter 1:20-21

- i. Can the Bible ever be interpreted by any single person? “not of any private interpretation”
- ii. “holy men” and the “Holy Spirit” - a special relationship

#### B. Not written like the tablets of stone in the wilderness – why not?

- i. Mankind seeks something to worship
- ii. God's design is to work through men instead of angels

- a) Why ... when we make so many mistakes and sin so much? Angels
  - Hebrews 1:13-14
  - Hebrews 2
  - 1 Corinthians 1:18-21

iii. Has kept people focused on the Word.

#### V. How Much is Inspired? (and for How Long?)

##### A. Matthew 5:17,18

i. Jot and Tittle

ii. Is God's Word changeable? Does God change His mind?

a) Mormon's

b) Jehovah's Witnesses.

iii. Jeremiah 26:2

"don't take away one word!"

iv. Revelation 22:18,19

"to the words of this book." (curse)

v. Galatians 3:16

Paul looks at one word in Genesis 13:15

B. We do not have the original manuscripts of the Bible but we know that every word in those original manuscripts was inspired (and so did those who copied them).

There are translation errors, but we do have enough manuscript evidence to know what we have accurately represents the originals and that the doctrine has not changed.

##### C. How sure are the promises of God in His Word?

i. Isaiah. 40:6-8

ii. Hebrews 13:8

#### VI. The Evidences of Inspiration.

These are things we can share with others that show the Bible is truly God's book. Here is something to help you remember the different evidences:

##### God "MAPS" out His plan of Salvation in the Bible:

A. Manuscripts

B. Archaeology

C. Prophecy

D. Statistical probability

#### VII. Other Evidences of the Bible's Inspiration.

A. Evidence from the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

B. Evidence From the Influence of the Bible.

C. Evidence from the Indestructibility of the Bible.

D. Evidence From Other Possibilities