

GOD BREATHED

THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

Inspiration Demonstrated

- ❖ Moses and Aaron – *Exodus 4:13-17; 7:1*
- ❖ Jeremiah – *Jeremiah 1:4-9*
- ❖ Balaam – *Numbers 22:18, 38; 23:5; 24:13*
- ❖ Scripture quoted in the New Testament – *Mark 12:35-37; Acts 1:16; 28:25-27; Hebrews 3:7; 10:15-17*

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The System of Inspiration

- ❖ The Holy Spirit moved men to speak the words of God –
2 Peter 1:19-21
 - ❖ Did not require the full understanding of the prophet –
1 Peter 1:10-12; Acts 2:39; 10:34-35
- ❖ Mystery revealed by the Holy Spirit through apostles and prophets
– *Ephesians 3:3-5*

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The System of Inspiration

- ❖ The degree of inspiration:
 - ❖ Plenary (complete) – *2 Timothy 3:16*
 - ❖ Verbal (words) – *1 Corinthians 2:10-13* (v. 13, NASB);
EX: *Matthew 22:32* (“I am”)
- ❖ If not “plenary,” who decides which is inspired and which is not?
- ❖ If not “verbal,” God placed an important plan in the hands of fallible men to communicate with their own words.

IMPLICATIONS OF INSPIRATION

Total Belief is Required

- ❖ Example: The Sadducees not believing in the resurrection – *Acts 23:6-8; Matthew 22:23-33*
- ❖ **Creation** – not figurative, but 6 literal days – *Matthew 19:4* – Jesus said, “*at the beginning.*” (What about *John 6*?)
- ❖ **Universal flood** – not local – *2 Peter 3:3-6* – “*world...perished, being flooded.*” (What about judgment and destruction at the coming of Christ? – vv. 7, 10)
- ❖ **Heaven, hell, all doctrine, all sin, etc.**

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Scripture Cannot Be Broken

- ❖ *2 Timothy 1:13; 2:15* – must hold fast the pattern, and rightly divide.
- ❖ The scripture cannot be broken (rejected, ignored, changed, contradicted, challenged) – *John 10:31-39* (cf. *Psalm 82*)
- ❖ When men try to break the scripture – *Matthew 21:42-44* – they are broken instead.
- ❖ **Plan of salvation, work/worship/organization of the church, fellowship parameters, design of the home, etc.**

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