

The background features a stone path leading through a forest with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. A single large maple leaf with yellow and brown tones lies on the path in the lower right corner.

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**II Timothy 3:16**  
**(Lesson One)**

***“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

***That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”-II Timothy 3:16 &17.***

**I. What is meant by the statement, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God?”**

**The phrase “inspiration of God” comes from the Greek word, “theopneustos,” and literally means, “God breathed!”**

**The extended meaning of the phrase is that all scripture is God-spoken!**

**In other words, God is the author of scripture; not man! Here are some scriptures that will help us to understand this:**

***“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath (Gk., pneumati; LXX) of his mouth”-Psalms 33:6.***

**The last phrase means that all the host of heaven were made by His word, or command!**

***“But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath (Gk., pneumati; LXX) of his lips shall he slay the wicked”-Isaiah 11:4.***

**The last phrase here means that God would slay the wicked with words from His lips!**

***“And Saul, yet breathing out (Gk., empnewn) threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest”-Acts 9:1.***

**The phrase means that Paul was speaking about threatening and slaughtering church members!**

***“All scripture is spoken by God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”-BLE.***

**The correctness of this translation is confirmed by hundreds of scriptures in the bible that use expressions like, “Thus saith the Lord!”**

**You’ll find the phrase used some 26 times in the little short book of Haggai!**



## **II. Some background material**

**A. There was period of about 400 years where there apparently were no prophets of God. This normally is called, “The Period Between the Testaments!”**

**This would have been the time between Malachi the prophet, and John the Baptist.**

**B. Inspiration returned with John the Baptist and Jesus Christ.**

***“The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.***

***And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins”-Luke 3:2 & 3.***

***“Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom he had chosen”-Acts 1:2.***

**III. A little later, inspiration was given to the apostles when they were sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

***“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying, go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not.***

***But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”-Matthew 10:5 &6.***

***“But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.***

***For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you”-Matthew 10:19 & 20.***

**IV. The Lord made special reference to the further inspirational aid of the Spirit in His discourse to the apostles the night before He died.**

**A. The Holy Spirit was to be the Comforter or Helper to the apostles after Christ ascended into heaven.**

***“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever:***

***Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you”-John 14:16 & 17.***

**The word Comforter comes from the Greek word, “parakletos.” Of this word, Bullinger says, “He who has been or may be called to help”-A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament, pg. 168.**

**In John 14:16, I would have made the translation, *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Helper, that he may abide with you forever.”***

**Jesus was much more than a “comforter” to the apostles; He was their Divine Helper! And the same is true with reference to the Holy Spirit!**



**B. The Spirit was to convict the world of sin, judgment, and righteousness. He did this work through the apostles and other inspired men starting on the day of Pentecost.**

***“And when he is come, he will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and judgment.***

***Of sin, because they believe not on me:***

***Of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye see me no more:***

***Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged”-John 15:8-11.***

**C. The Spirit would start further inspiration work on the day of Pentecost.**

***“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”-John 14:26.***

***“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me”-John 15:26.***

***“Howbeit, when he the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come”-John 16:13.***

**V. Has the Holy Spirit of God convicted you of your need to obey the gospel or acknowledge sin in your life?**

**Then please respond to the Lord’s invitation!**