

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!