

Sermon Series: Getting MORE Out of Bible Study
Teaching: How Inspiration Affects Interpretation
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Introduction

Sola Scriptura: _____ is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

Infallible: incapable of making a _____ or being _____.

2 Samuel 24:1,2
1 Chronicles 21:1,2

The author of Chronicles states that _____ was responsible for inciting David to take a census of Israel.

The author of Samuel states that _____ was responsible for inciting David to take a census of Israel.

Responses to Challenging Questions

_____ it: “the problem doesn’t exist”

Be _____: “it doesn’t really matter”

Become _____: “because I can’t answer every question, my faith is pointless”

1 Peter 3:15

Age of Enlightenment: _____, (not religion), was the primary sources of authority and legitimacy.

Resource: Alden Thompson, *Inspiration: Hard Questions, Honest Answers*. (Emeritus professor of Religion, Walla Walla College)

Thus, instead of letting the Bible speak for itself, we have attempted to do battle at a _____ level that does not reflect the _____ and _____ concerns of Scripture itself.

We need to learn how to find the right _____ AND to ask the right _____.

How Inspiration Affects Interpretation

2 Timothy 3:16-18

What does the word _____ mean in relation to God's _____ with humans beings throughout scripture?

What does God _____ Himself to humans look ?

Revelation

Two Kinds of Revelation

*Special (Revelation): a _____ / _____ intervention directly from God expressed through inspired people.

Isaiah 6:1

Genesis 6:13,14

John 11:49-52

*Research (Revelation): inspired people using _____ / _____ to God's message with us.

1 Kings 11:41

1 Chronicles 29:29,20

1 Corinthians 1:11

2 Timothy 3:16-18

Inspiration

It comes from the greek word theopneustos which means God-
_____.

François Gaussen, an 18th century Swiss protestant theologian, believed that every single word in the Bible is given to us from God using _____.

The writers of the Bible are God's _____, not His _____.
(Ellen White, Manuscript 24, 1886)

Biblical inspiration occurs when the Holy Spirit _____ a biblical messenger to write or speak.

Jeremiah 20:9

It is not the words of the Bible that are inspired, but the _____ of the Bible that were inspired.

2 Peter 1:21

All scripture is _____.

Only some parts of the Bible are given by special _____.

Illumination

When God, through the Holy Spirit, plants a great idea in the lives of
“ _____ ”.

However great these ideas are, they are are not _____ in the same way that Scripture is.

Unless these people meet the tests of a prophet, their books are also not given by _____ (either special or research).

Examples:

Apocrypha (Ecclesiasticus - similar to the book of Proverbs)

C.S. Lewis

Oswald Chambers

Putting It All Together

1. God, in partnership with the _____, reveals Himself through the Bible using men and women.
2. He sometimes communicates directly through men/women (_____ revelation): Daniel, Isaiah, John, Noah, Abraham, Jacob
3. He also communicates through facts, history and personal situations (_____ revelation): Luke, Paul
4. The Holy Spirit _____ biblical messengers by creating a special prompting inside of them to share God's message: Jeremiah
5. For most everyone else, when God gives us a great idea we are _____ and can be a great blessing to others with these messages.

God's clearest, most special revelation came through

_____.

John 3:16