

## God's Wonderful Book (Part III)

II Timothy 3:16

### *"Inspiration"*

Definition: The act of God whereby He, through the Holy Spirit, guided the individual human authors of the Bible, enabling them to compose and record, without error or omission, His own revelation in the words of the autographs.

#### I. The Bible attests to Its own Inspiration

A. II Timothy 3:16

- *"inspiration"*: \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 33:6

B. II Peter 1:21

- *"Not by the will of man"*: Scripture did not \_\_\_\_\_ with or in man.
- *"Moved by"*: \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. Inspiration and its Effect upon Scripture

A. Inspiration renders the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 30:5

1. Inerrancy means the Bible is "without error of any kind" in its \_\_\_\_\_.  
Psalm 119:138, 140

2. Infallibility means that it is "without error" in its \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Being inerrant and infallible, the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 8:20

B. Inspiration has to do with the \_\_\_\_\_.  
However, because of the providential preservation

of the words of the autographs, many believe it applies to the faithful copies too. This is referred to as “retained” or “maintained” inspiration.

- C. Inspiration does not exclude (leave out) the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ in the style, terminology, and culture of the sacred writings.
1. Confluent inspiration: the Bible was written with a Divine and human element.
  2. Mechanical (dictation) inspiration: the Bible was written by God through human beings as they acted passively (just like a machine).

### III. The Degree of Inspiration

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Inspiration: the very words of Scripture are inspired, not just the thoughts.  
Matthew 5:18; Jeremiah 1:9, 30:2; Matthew 24:35
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Inspiration: inspiration extends to all parts alike. The entire Bible is inspired.

### IV. Our Lord’s view of Scripture

Matthew 4:4

- A. He believed in inspiration.  
*“proceedeth out of the **mouth of God**”*
- B. He believed in plenary inspiration.  
*“**every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”*
- C. He believed in verbal inspiration.  
*“**every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”*
- D. He believed in the authority of Scripture.  
*“Man **shall not live** by bread alone, but by every word”*
- E. He believed in divine preservation.  
*“But he answered and said, **It is written.**”*