

The Foundation of Our Faith - Bibliology
The Authority of the Bible

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. What questions do you have about the authority of the Bible, if any?
2. How would you explain Inspiration to someone? What verses would you use?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Psalm 19:1-4

Thought:

Tuesday – 2 Timothy 3:16

Thought:

Wednesday – 2 Peter 1:20-21

Thought:

Thursday – Romans 1:18-20

Thought:

Friday – John 17:17

Thought:

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Sunday – “*The Clarity of the Bible*”

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- I. A Doctrinal Statement** - The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

(Riverland Hills Baptist Church Statement of Faith)

II. Revelation

- A. General Revelation** – “There is a God”

1. Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:18-20

- B. Special Revelation** – “Specifics about God”

1. Urim & Thummim – Exodus 28:30

2. Dreams – (focus on what is seen) Genesis 20:3

3. Visions – (focus on what is said) Isaiah 1:1

4. Theophanies (Old Testament appearance of Jesus)
Genesis 18:1-22

5. Angels – Luke 1:26-38

6. Prophets – Hebrews 1:1

7. Jesus – Hebrew 1:1, John 1:1, 14

8. The Bible – 2 Timothy 3:16

III. Inspiration

- A. Basic definition** – “God superintended human authors of the Bible so that they composed and recorded without error His message to mankind in the words of their original writings.”

- B. Two references to explain Inspiration**

1. 2 Timothy 3:16 – “to breathe, blow, be prompted by God.”

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2. 2 Peter 1:20-21 – “To be borne along, driven or moved.” – Acts 27:15 (same word used)

- C. Four characteristics of Inspiration**

1. **Verbal** – each word was inspired – 1 Corinthians 2:13

2. **Plenary** – All the words were inspired – 2 Timothy 3:16

3. **Infallible** – incapable of error – 2 Timothy 3:16

4. **Inerrant** – Without error – John 17:17; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 119:160

NOTES