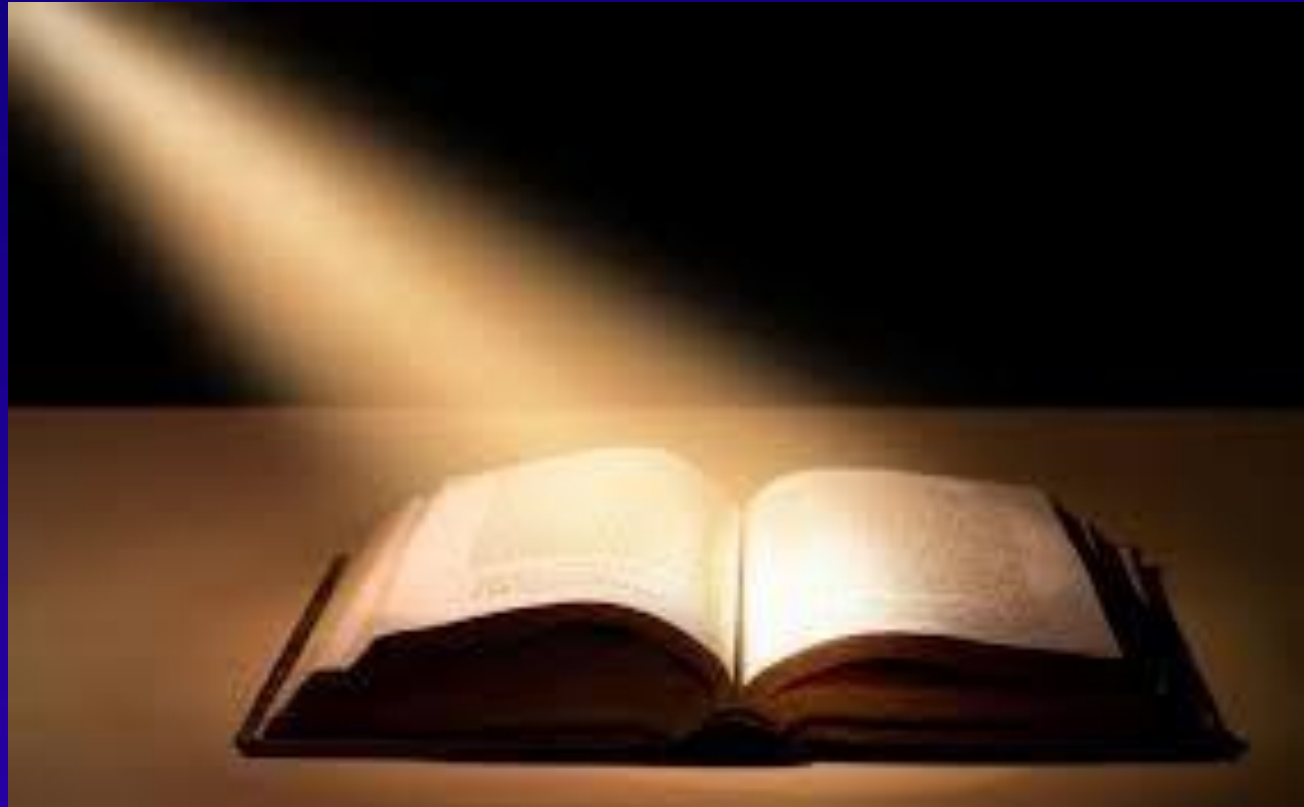
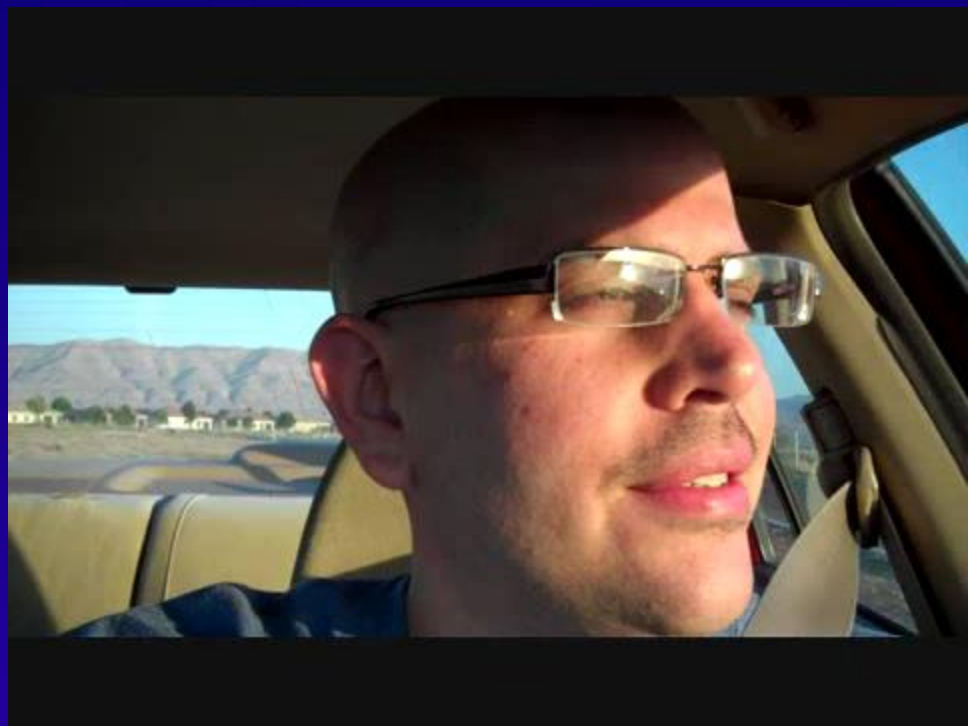


Rediscovering Our Foundations

Part 3

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In this series, *Rediscovering Our Foundations*, it's time to consider your own personal foundation. What is the final resting place for your cares, concerns, griefs, surprises and sorrows? Where do you turn for answers to life's deepest questions?

“The Bible Written by Men or by God”

What is your authority? How sure are you that the Bible is the inerrant and inspired Word of God? Can you articulate to others the difference between the Bible and other "sacred" religious works?

Seven Top Signs You Are Not Reading Your Bible Enough

1. The preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians and you have to check the table of contents.
2. You think Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60s (that's Peter, Paul, and Mary).

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3. You open to the gospel of Luke and a World War II savings bond falls out.
4. Your favorite Old Testament patriarch is Hercules.

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5. You're frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed either in the Concordance nor the Table of Contents.
6. You catch your kids reading the Song of Solomon and you demand, "Who gave you that stuff?"

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Vs.16

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God"

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2 Timothy 3:15-17

I Timothy chapter 5, verse 17

"Let the elders who rule well be counted of double honor especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle on ox while it treads out the grain."

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John 16:13

"The Holy Spirit will come and guide you into all the truth."

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There are fourteen extra books in the Catholic Bible called the apocrypha which we don't have in our Bibles

III. The Test of whether or not to include the Apocrypha in the Bible

The word Canon means a measuring rod

Number one, is it authoritative?

Number two, they asked the question:

What about authorship?

Number three: Is this document dynamic?

Number four: is it already accepted?

IV. Why We Don't Accept the Books of the Apocrypha

1. The Jews rejected them as biblical books before Christ ever came to the earth.

2. Jesus never quoted once from them, neither did the apostles, though they quote from other parts of the Old Testament.

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3. The books of the apocrypha themselves don't claim to be inspired by God.

4. They're chock full of inaccuracies. All sorts of problems exist with the text.

The Holy Spirit used a process of history that I believe He superintended

V. What do we mean by Inspiration?

1. "All scripture (II Timothy 3:16) is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, for instruction in righteousness

V. What do we mean by Inspiration?

2. From the Greek language it means breath or air. So all scripture is a result of God's breathing His will through human beings.

VI. What inspiration doesn't mean

1. It doesn't mean natural inspiration
2. It doesn't refer to concept inspiration

VII. What inspiration does mean

1. Jot is the Hebrew yod, it's the smallest letter of their alphabet
2. A tittle is even smaller, it's an exclamation mark or a pronunciation a mark that distinguishes letters from other letters.

VII. What inspiration does mean

3. Jesus had a confrontation with religious leaders called the Sadducees and he based his entire argument to them on the verb tense of a single word. Matthew

25

VII. What inspiration does mean

4. So the Bible is the inspired word of God and theologians call this, "The verbal plenary inspiration of the scripture," meaning the words themselves are inspired by God and the inspiration extends to all the words of the scripture.

VII. What inspiration does mean

5. II. Peter 1:19-21

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed which you do well to take heed, as a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

VII. What inspiration does mean

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knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation. For prophecy never came by the will of man but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

VII. What inspiration does mean

6. The Greek word is pheromenoia, it's a maritime, a boating term, that speaks of a ship being carried at the mercy of the winds, carried along by the winds.

VII. What inspiration does mean

So that these authors: the prophets, the apostles, raise their sails so to speak, they were themselves flawed men. But the Holy Spirit drove that boat to the destination He wanted. So they had their own personality, their own writing style.

VII. What inspiration does mean

Within the boat you have all the freedom you want to move around anywhere you want, anytime you want but the destination is determined by the wind as the destination of the scripture

VII. What inspiration does mean

were the very words God wanted to say even though the personalities were individual. It was carried along to the destination determined by God.

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my
path

Romans 15:13

May the God of Hope Fill you with Joy

There's peace in believing the Lord

May your whole life and outlook

Abound in hope

Be radiant be radiant in hope

(Repeat)