

The Final Authority

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Baker – “Theologically the word means the supernatural divine superintendency exerted over the writers of scripture which guarantees the accuracy of their writings”

This definition fails to give all of the information necessary to ascertain the identity of the inspired words

The texts in Scripture that teach inspiration

II Tim 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

“Scripture” – graphe (our word graph) written down

Inspiration is dictation combined with something supernatural happening to the writer to complete the process

The writings are inspired not the writers (Scripture)

It is more dictation than composition

The writers are empowered and led and the result is inspiration

There is something that happens to the writers even to a place where they did not always know what they were going to say or would understand what they were saying

Isa 53:1 ¶ Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

I Kings 13:20-22 He spoke the word of the Lord without planning on it

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

John 11:49-53 Caiaphas prophesied and had no idea what he was talking about

49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

“Inspiration” – theo – God, pneustos – breathed

Psalm 33:6 – God speaking into existence

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. God dictated the words of scripture through human authors so that the very words that they used were the words that God determined that they would use