

**Laying The Foundation**  
**Authority And Power Of God's Word**  
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**I. Authority**

- A. Proceeds from the *Author*, the Holy Spirit
  - 1. Author gives authority to what is written
  - 2. "Inspiration" = inbreathed by God (the Holy Spirit) (2 Tim. 3:16)
    - a. *All* Scripture (written word) is inspired
    - b. *All* Scripture is profitable
  - 3. The author is the interpreter, the final authority (2 Peter 1:20–21)
- B. Psalm 12:6
  - 1. Clay furnace = human element
  - 2. Silver represents the divine message which comes through the human element
  - 3. The purifying fire is the Holy Spirit
  - 4. 7 is the number of the Holy Spirit and also of perfection

**II. Jesus And The Old Testament**

- A. John 10:34–36
  - 1. "The Scripture cannot be broken" (v. 35)
  - 2. The only unshakable thing is the Word of God
- B. "The law" = Old Testament Scriptures – two titles:
  - 1. The Word of God
  - 2. The Scripture

**III. How Jesus Used Scripture**

- A. Matthew 4:4, 7, 10
  - 1. The first temptation is to *doubt*
  - 2. "It is written"—Don't argue, answer with Scripture
  - 3. The sword of the Spirit is the spoken word (Eph. 6:17)
- B. "Jot and tittle" signifies *written* text—Matt. 5:17–18
  - 1. "Jot": Smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet
  - 2. "Tittle": A little distinguishing curl
- C. Matthew 22:31–32
  - 1. Jesus quoted what *Moses* said as coming from God to the people of His day
  - 2. God's Word is eternal

**IV. How Jesus' Life Fulfilled Scripture**

- A. Eighteen times: "That the Scripture might be fulfilled . . ."
- B. Jesus' whole life was controlled by Scripture
  - 1. Birth
  - 2. Life
  - 3. Death
  - 4. Resurrection, etc.

**V. Authority Behind The New Testament: Holy Spirit**

- A. John 14:25–26
  - 1. The Holy Spirit unfolds all truth: past, present and future
  - 2. *Totally* inspired
- B. John 16:12–14

1. Jesus gave them all they could bear at that time
2. He trusted the Holy Spirit to reveal all further truth

#### **VI. Nature Of God's Word**

- A. Hebrews 4:12—The Word of God is:
  1. Alive, not dead
  2. Energetic: Divine energy which penetrates every area of human personality—soulish vs. spiritual
  3. Discerning: You read the Bible; the Bible reads you
  4. Effective
- B. 1 Thessalonians 2:13—If received in faith, the Word will do what it is intended to do
- C. 2 Peter 1:3–4
  1. God has *already* given us . . .
  2. Where? Through the knowledge of Jesus . . .
  3. By what? Exceeding great and precious promises” in the Word of God
  4. *Thus* become partakers of God's own nature
- D. God's Word is like Jacob's ladder—as you appropriate each promise you move up one rung

#### **VII. Eight Effects Of God's Word**

- A. Produces faith (Rom. 10:17)
- B. Seed of new birth
  1. James 1:18
  2. Incorruptible seed produces incorruptible life (1 Peter 1:22–23)
- C. Spiritual nourishment
  1. Milk (1 Peter 2:2)
  2. Bread (Matt. 4:4)
  3. Solid food (Heb. 5:12–14)
- D. Mental illumination (Ps. 119:130)
  1. Education is *not* light
  2. Wisdom comes through God's Word
- E. Physical healing
  1. God's Word: (Ps. 107:17–20)
    - a. Saves
    - b. Heals
    - c. Delivers
  2. Proverbs 4:20–22
- F. Victory over sin and Satan
  1. Psalm 119:9, 11
  2. Matthew 4:4, 7, 10
- G. Cleansing and holiness (Eph. 5:25–27)
- H. A spiritual mirror (James 1:23–25)

**You do not love God  
more than you love His Word**