

# **BIBLE INSPIRATION – GOD’S BOOK – BI**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The question of authority is pertinent today. There are many voices heard claiming “this is the way”. Do we have a sure guide to go by? Can we rely upon the validity of the Bible? Is it what it claims to be – THE WORD OF GOD? “Infidelity prevails in many churches in our land; not infidelity in its broadest sense, - an open denial of the Bible – but an infidelity that is robed in the garb of Christianity, while it is undermining faith in the Bible as a revelation from God.” – *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 166. Naturally this has its influence on our thinking. We need to know for ourselves what the TRUTH IS.

## **I. THE BIBLE IS A REVELATION FROM GOD**

**1BI – 1 Thess. 2:13.** What claim does the Bible put forth?

**2BI – Prov. 22:20.** In what form did God communicate to man? The written form is enduring and never changes.

**3BI – Prov. 22:17-21.** What was God’s purpose in giving the Bible?

**4BI – 2 Tim. 3:16.** How much of the Bible is God’s Word? The word “inspiration” is not exactly what the current form implies. Originally it meant “God-breathed.”

**5BI – Heb. 1:1, 2.** How does the Bible describe “inspiration”? The Bible comprises the writings of the prophets and the words of Jesus.

**6BI – Rev. 1:1.** What example is given of this inspired process?

**7BI – 2 Pet. 1:21.** Is the prophet like a stenographer taking dictation from God?

**8BI – Gal. 1:11, 12.** Is the message a product of man’s mind, or of God’s mind?

## **II. IS THE BIBLE TODAY A RELIABLE GUIDE?**

Would God give the Bible as a guide to man and then permit it to become unreliable? It would not seem reasonable that He would.

**9BI – 1 Pet. 1:23-25.** How does God assure us of the eternal nature of the Word?

**10BI – Prov. 30:5.** Can we be sure that the Bible is not adulterated with human ideas? The Hebrew word for PURE is REFINED. This is significant in the divine process. Human works, books, texts, etc. , have to be revised every ten years to bring them up to date with investigation; but the Bible is revised just the opposite – to bring it more into harmony with the original text.

**11BI – Ps. 119:140.** What satisfaction should God’s care in the preservation of His Word give to us? Samuel Rutlege, an authority on Bible manuscripts at Columbia University said: “The Bible is scientifically correct. Less than one one thousandth of the text has yet to be tested.”

**12BI – Ps. 119:160.** When did God begin to protect and preserve His Word?

**13BI – Ps. 12:6.** How does He describe the process in the preservation of it? The figure seven is a symbol of perfection. Refining of gold and silver is a process of extracting the precious metal from the worthless dross.

**14BI – Ps 12:7.** What assurance does God give us that he will never let His Word become diluted with human ideas?

**15BI – John 5:39.** Did Jesus expect us to have such confidence in the Bible?

**16BI – John 17:3.** Can you see then that the Bible as a whole is essential to our destiny?

**BI – End**