

Things Most Surely Believed

"The Word Of God"

(Lesson One)

- Introduction:
1. The Bible, claims for itself to be inspired by God.
 2. Inspiration means "God breathed."
 3. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21).
 4. The following are things we surely believe about the Bible.

I. The Nature of Inspiration

- A. There are various views of inspiration today.
 1. Partial - Moral but not historical.
 2. Arising from man's own genius rather than God's.
 3. Thought rather than word.
- B. The Bible explains the result of inspiration in the following passages.
 1. (Matthew 10:19-20).
 2. (1 Corinthians 2:1-13).
- C. While I may not understand the "how" of inspiration, I know the "what."

II. The Reliability of the Bible

- A. How do you know the Bible is accurate?
- B. The Dead Sea Scrolls provide a great deal of evidence.
- C. The vast number of manuscripts provide a great deal of evidence.
- D. Historically we know that great care was taken by Scribes as they copied the Scriptures.
- E. The providence must also come to play (John 10:35; Matthew 24:35).

III. The Authority of the Bible

- A. Insufficient authorities.
 1. Parents.
 2. Preachers.
 3. Feelings.
 4. Traditions.
 5. Creeds.
- B. (2 Corinthians 4:6; Jude 3; 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

IV. The Understandability of the Bible

- A. (Ephesians 5:17).
- B. (John 8:32).
- C. To say the Bible is not understandable is a reflection on the intelligence of God.

- Conclusion:
1. In light of the fact that the Bible will someday be our judge (John 12:48), we would do well to study it and obey it.