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I. The Nature of Inspiration:

- A. The nature of Christianity depends upon our view of the Scripture.
- B. They are the Highest court of appeal: the common authority of Christendom: present a harmonious, complete system of doctrine.
- C. If they are authoritative, then our creeds are a simple matter of searching the Scriptures, to find out what they teach. If not, then doctrine becomes much more difficult, and unity is impossible: See I Corinthians 1:10: We are to speak the same things. How is this possible without an objective standard? Unbelief posits an uncertainty in Scripture.
- D. This is the doctrine of the Church that has been held with the greatest clarity and tenacity by all branches of the Church: even Rome feels constrained to justify her doctrine of tradition from the Scriptures.
- E. The marvelous unity of the Bible is proof of its inspiration. 66 books; tells a consistent, cosmic story of God, creation, man, sin, and salvation. It all hangs together, and on every page points to the Living God and His Son our Savior.
- F. The book is Holy, and is of a different order than all other books.
- G. Plenary and Verbal mean essentially the same thing. "Plenary" means a full and sufficient influence of the Spirit extended to all parts of Scripture, rendering it an authoritative revelation from God. "Verbal" means that the Spirit not only gave the thoughts, but the very words.

II. Accuracy of the Bible: depends upon Inspiration; man is fallible.

- A. Get it in writing: First principle of law in dealing with men. Contracts must be written. God is no fool. Because He loves man, His requirements are perfectly clear to those who want to know.
- B. John 10:35: "Scripture cannot be broken."
- C. Mark 12:26: I am; it cannot be that the Living God would live in the past.
- D. Gal. 3:16: Seed, not seeds.

III. Definite System of Doctrine

- A. Evangelical, not naturalistic, humanistic, Unitarian. Because of God's Word.
- B. Man, the sinner, must destroy the authority of Scripture before he can establish his own kingdom. The Bible is the great barrier to man's system of tyranny and slavery over his fellowman.
- C. We hold to the original Hebrew and Greek. We do not have the autographa, but we do have the apographa. Accuracy does not depend upon the age of the manuscript. Two oldest disagree in a great many respects. Neither is reliable. Principle followed by Turretin and others. If God has preserved His word, we look somewhere else than to the oldest manuscripts. The oldest are copies of copies. And some of the oldest are the most unworthy, and disagree with each other over and over again. Old, is not always reliable. This is a subject that you should study very carefully.
- D. This has been the position of all the great Reformers.

IV. The Writer's Claim Inspiration

- A. "Thus saith the Lord," is the theme of the prophets, over and over again.
- B. I Cor. 2:13 "Words which God teaches."
 - Ezek. 2:5; And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day. For *they are* impudent children and stiff hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for *they are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.
 - Matt. 10:40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward
 - John 13:20. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
- D. We do not reject tradition, for it is by tradition that the Scriptures have come to us; but not through the agency of the Church, but by the supernatural preservation of God.

V. Old Testament Scripture Teachings about itself:

- A. Deut. 18:18-22
 - 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
 - 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him

He must speak the future, and He must be faithful to the doctrine.

B. Deut. 13:1-5

1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

C. Jer. 1:4-9

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and I* ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.

7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

D. Jer 51:15-19;

15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

16 When he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

17 Every man is brutish by *his* knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.

18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

E. Is. 59:20-21;

20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. 21 As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

F. Ezek. 13 entire chapter added to the grave warnings in other Scripture

a. Prophesied out of their own hearts: vs. 2

b. Hear the word of the Lord---contrasted to what was in the heart

c. Like foxes in the desert—only corrupt and tear down

d. Hope to confirm the word

e. Vain delusions and lying divination—Didn't test by God's Word: pretended revelations verse 7

f. I am against you—not just against your word—against YOU

g. Vs. 9: God's judgment—not among the covenant people.

h. Peace, peace. Built on clay—on shifting sand. Similar figure used by Jesus in Matthew 7

i. God will discover the foundations: vs. 12-14

j. The wall is no more—neither that that mortared it---like a whitewash to make it look pretty

k. Those who invented ceremonies to catch souls—pretty ceremonies: pillows and kerchiefs. Make it fit everybody—it is the money that really counts. Everyone is to feel at home

- l. What have you sold yourself for: a handful of barley—corrupt God’s people for gain?? To destroy those who shouldn’t be destroyed, and to save those who shouldn’t be saved.
- m. Verse 22: how sad is this passage: You have made the hearts of God’s people sad.—whom God did not make sad; You strengthened the heart of the evil-doer—promising life without repentance. As if God left His people in their sins and iniquities.
- n. Peace, peace, when there is no peace.