

## Has God Said? II

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As we have previously seen, ever since man has walked on this earth, the devil has been very successful in convincing man to question the Word of God. For that reason, many have taken the task upon themselves to try to disprove the Bible as being the infallible Word of God. But time and time again, they so quickly find out that they cannot disprove the Bible because as they study history and archeology, they so soon see that what the Bible says is supported by history and archeology. God did speak “...*in time past to the fathers by the prophets,*” as Hebrews 1:1 says.

The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts” (1:24). Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, and the rest of the prophets said the same as well. In order to truly believe in the Lord, one must believe in the inspiration of Scripture. Unfortunately one cannot truly believe in the true God of the Bible if he does not believe in His Word. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God, regardless of what man might say.

Paul the Apostle wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*” Peter the Apostle also wrote on this by saying “*And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit,*” (Peter 1:19-21).

Christian apologist Dr. Ron Rhodes from Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries explains the inspiration of Scripture the following way. He says, “Biblical inspiration may be defined as God’s superintending of the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities – and even their writing styles – they composed and recorded without error His revelation to humankind in the words of the original autographs. In other words, the original documents of the Bible were written by men, who, though permitted to exercise their own personalities and literary talents, wrote under the control and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the result being a perfect and errorless recording to the exact message God desired to give to man” (The Complete Book of Bible Answers, Dr. Ron Rhodes, pg. 13).

To prove that mere man cannot be the author of the Scriptures and that the true author is the Holy Spirit, Josh McDowell and Don Stewart say this, “One reason that the Bible is different from other books is its unity. Although this book was composed by men, its unity reveals the hand of the Almighty. The Bible was written over a period of about 1,500 years by more than forty different human authors. These authors came from a variety of backgrounds, including Joshua (a military general), Daniel (a prime minister), Peter (a fisherman), and Nehemiah (a cupbearer). The authors of the various books wrote in different places, such as the wilderness (Moses), prison (Paul), exile on the Isle of

Patmos (John). The biblical writings were composed on three different continents (Africa, Asia, and Europe), and in three different languages Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek)...It was not written in one generation, but over a period of 1,500 years ; not by authors with the same education, culture and language, but with vastly different education, many different cultures,...and finally not just one subject but hundreds” (Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, Answers to Tough Questions, pg. 17-19). These various authors wrote about the same God and gave many detailed prophecies about their coming Redeemer.

Has God said? God has said indeed! But before you refuse to believe that the Bible is the Word of God, don't you think it will be a good idea to first do an honest and very well researched study on the subject? Don't be so quick to say that the Bible is full of errors and contradictions just because someone else said it, pick up the Bible yourself first and try to prove it! So regardless whether you believe it or not, God has said. The Bible is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God.

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