

GOD'S RECORD

THE BIBLE DOCTRINE OF INSPIRATION PART III

*"And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true:
and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe."*

~ John 19:35

1. Explaining Inspiration

- a. 2 Tim 3:15-16 tells us the scriptures are holy, inspiration makes them such
 - i. God speaks (revelation) through men (prophecy)
 - ii. The written words (scripture) were God given (inspiration)
 - iii. God moved men (by faith) to write according to his will (purpose)
 - 1. Abram, Joseph, Moses, David, Peter, Paul believed before seeing
 - 2. 'ye thought evil... but God meant it for good' - Gen 50:20
 - 3. 'all things work together for good... acc. to his purpose' -Rom 8:28
 - iv. It is God's record, and his record is true.

2. According to the Will of God

- a. The Bible is a record of God's will; written by men moved by His revealed will
- b. Dispensational study is the study of the will of God (i.e., study of God's record)
- c. God worked in such a way to necessitate a written record:
 - i. Adam witnessed both good and evil – Gen 2:4-5:1
 - ii. Covenants need recorded – Gen 6:9, 18, 22, 9:8, 10:1
 - iii. Long-term promises need evidence, 'Whereby shall I know' - Gen 15:7-21
 - iv. Forming a nation requires documents – Deu 4:7-8, Ezra 4:15, 6:2
 - v. Courts have recorders – 2 Sam 8:15-16, 2 Chron 34:8
 - vi. John's record 1:6-7,15,19,32, 8:13, 19:35, 20:30, 1Jn 1:2,5:7-11, Re 1:2
 - vii. Forever promises are also promises to inspire scripture – Ps 105:10, 12:7

3. What Was Written

- a. A true record includes record of the writers, culture, history, sin, wickedness etc.
- b. Sometimes in the first person – "I" "me" "my people" – Rom 9:25, 2 Cor 6:16
- c. Third person – "Thus saith the Lord" "he said unto me" – Rev 21:5, 1 Cor 14:37
- d. Not always by commandment, but their own thoughts – 1 Cor 7:12, 25, 7:40
- e. Sometimes foolishly (after the manner of men, not after the Lord) – 2 Cor 11:17
- f. Sometimes it was things not witnessed – Gen 1, 4, 1Sa 28, 2Sa 11:2, Jn 11:49,
- g. Sometimes they could not explain – Luke 18:34, 2 Cor 12:4, 1 Pet 1:10-12
- h. A description is not a prescription – slavery, polygamy, abortion, hypocrisy
- i. Not always original – could be revealed, preached, heard, written before - Oba
- j. Prophets also spoke things they did not write – Matt 2:23, 27:9
- k. Other writings from the Biblical writers – 1 Kings 4:32, Col 4:16, 1 Cor 5:9
- l. Non-canonical books of Jasher Jo 10:13, Iddo the seer 2Ch 12:15, Life Rev 20:15
- m. Extra biblical cultural references – Jewish 2 Tim 3:8, Gentile - Acts 17:28
- n. Quotes pagans – Epimenides Titus 1:12, Satan Matt 4:6, false prophets
- o. Sometimes blasphemous Isa 36, heretical 2Ti 2:18, wrong Matt 22:29, Job 42:7
- p. The Bible is a record from God – His witness, testimony, perspective is true.