

Sermon Title: The Origin of Scripture, Part 1

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to a sincere conviction on the sufficiency of Scripture because of their origin.

Sermon Proposition: There are 4 eternal facts related to the sufficiency of Scripture.

Introduction: Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, all the king's horses and all the king's men, couldn't put Humpty Dumpty back together again. The government, climate change, the ACLU, philosophers, social workers, talk shows, etc. had no answers to Humpty's problem. There is ignorance of Scripture that characterizes the modern day church climate.

“Albert Stauderman relates that he told in a sermon the old joke about Bible ignorance where someone asks, “What are the epistles?” And the answer received is “They were the wives of the apostles.” He relates, however, that after the sermon a woman asked, ‘Pastor, I didn’t get the joke. If they weren’t the wives of the apostles, whose wives were they?’ – Albert Stauderman, *Let Me Illustrate*” [Charles R. Swindoll, Swindoll’s Ultimate Book of Illustrations & Quotes, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 1998, p.48]

I. The Scriptures are sufficient because of their objective. Vv.14-15

II. The Scriptures are sufficient because of their origin. V.16a

III. The Scriptures are sufficient because of their obligation. V.16b

IV. The Scriptures are sufficient because of their operation. V.17

I. The Scriptures are sufficient because of their objective. Vv.14-15

A. Because of the Scriptures objective we are to be obsessed with them. V.14a

Psalm 119:1-2 ALEPH. Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD! **2** Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!
Psalm 119:10-11 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! **11** Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!
Psalm 119:15-16 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. **16** I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

B. Because of the Scriptures objective we are to be obedient to them. V.14b

Joshua 1:8-9 "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **9** "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

C. Because of the Scriptures objective we are to be owned by them. V.15a

Psalm 119:9 BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

From childhood (lit “from infancy”). This all started with his mother and grandmother (**2 Timothy 1:5** when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.) who faithfully taught him and exposed him to the Scriptures and the history and meaning of the truths found in the Old Testament Scriptures prepared Timothy to be ready for the objective of responding to the gospel of salvation when Paul preached it. The text refers to (having known the Holy Scriptures) (lit. “the sacred writings”) a term understood by the Jews. (**Proverbs 22:6**)

There are 3 concepts for training in the Scriptures found in **Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

1. The **concept** of training. **Proverbs 22:6a**
 - a. included dedication
 - b. included instruction
 - c. included motivation

2. The **child** of training. **Proverbs 22:6b**

This refers to those who are still dependent on their parents.

3. The **content** of training. **Proverbs 22:6c**

This refers to the way they should live in light of the Scriptures. (**Romans 10:14-17**)
Joshua 24:15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
John 5:37-39 "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. **38** "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. **39** "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.
1 Peter 1:23-25 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, **24** because "All flesh *is* as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, **25** But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

D. Because of the Scriptures objective we are to be **obligated** to them. V.15b

1. We are obligated because the Scriptures confirm our salvation.
John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

2. We are obligated because the Scriptures confirm God's presence in our lives.
Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

3. We are obligated because the Scriptures confirm forgiveness of sin.

4. We are obligated because the Scriptures confirm conviction of sin.

II. The Scriptures are sufficient because of their origin. V.16a

- A. The concept of “inspiration” understood.
Inspiration is a technical term for the Holy Spirit’s supernatural guidance of those who received special revelation from God as they wrote the books of the Bible. The end result of this inspiration is that the Bible conveys the truths that God wanted His people of all time periods, to know, understand, live, and communicate to the world.
2 Peter 1:20-21 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.
2 Peter 3:15-16 and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation-- as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, **16** as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.
- B. The concept of “verbal” understood.
This term emphasizes the idea that the wording of the original text, as well as the ideas conveyed is supernaturally inspired by God through the Holy Spirit.
- C. The concept of “plenary” understood.
This is a term meaning that each book, chapter, paragraph, sentence, and word of the original manuscripts are equally sourced by God.
- D. The concept of “inerrancy” understood.
This term conveys the idea that the Scriptures teaching is true and accurate on everything of which it speaks, therefore making clear the mind of God Himself.
- E. The concept of “infallibility” understood.
The term means “not able to fail at achieving it intended purpose.”
Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.
“The distinctive mark of theology today is its dreadful ambiguity. The chaos of American theology today can be traced back to its roots in the rejection of biblical infallibility. Preaching is not the act of unfolding our personal convictions. It is the duty of informing men of all that God has spoken. To move off from the pages of Scripture is to enter into the wastelands of our own subjectivity. Scripture plays an important role in the salvation of men. The Bible is a divinely provided map of the spiritual order. It contains the directions and markings to guide a person into reconciliation with God. – Clark Pinnock, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, October-December 1967” [Ibid. p.49]

Conclusion: “Once upon a time there was a man who thought he was dead. His concerned wife and friends sent him to the friendly neighborhood psychiatrist. The psychiatrist determined to cure him by convincing him of one fact that contradicted his belief that he was dead. The psychiatrist decided to use the simple truth that dead men do not bleed. He put his patient to work reading medical texts, observing autopsies, etc. After weeks of effort, the patient finally said, “All right, all right! You’ve convinced me. Dead men do not bleed.” Whereupon the psychiatrist stuck him in the arm with a needle, and the blood flowed. The man looked down with a contorted, ashen face and cried: “Good Lord! Dead men bleed after all!” – Clark Pinnock, *Set Forth Your Case*” [Ibid. p.49]