

Sermon Title: The Origin of Scripture, Part 2

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.

- 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**

The Scriptures are authoritative because of inspiration.

The Scriptures are accurate because of inspiration.

The Scriptures are acceptable because of inspiration.

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

Because the Scriptures and Christianity relates to real life and the real world, then the Scriptures description and declaration about God, mankind, salvation, earth, and history are completely trustworthy. (**Matthew 4:4ff** "It is written")

But also, the Scriptures are trustworthy and powerful for conforming the Christian to the image of Christ. (**Hebrews 4:12-13**)

Romans 8:28-29 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. **29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

The authority that made the Scriptures profitable:

1. When Scripture speaks God speaks

Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

Galatians 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying*, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

2. The Scriptures are called "the oracles of God" (**Romans 3:2**)

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

3. The Scriptures cannot be altered.

John 10:35 "If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

Matthew 5:17-18 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Luke 16:17 "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

- A. The Scriptures are profitable for doctrine/teaching.
 The Scriptures instruct us positively in doctrine, useful for teaching the man of God and the believer divine doctrinal content of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Scriptures provide the comprehensive and complete body of divine truth necessary for life and godliness. (**1 Corinthians 2:14-16; James 1:19-24**)
Psalm 119:97-104 MEM. Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. **98** You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. **99** I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. **100** I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. **101** I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. **102** I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. **103** How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! **104** Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.
Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
Exodus 24:3-4 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." **4** And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.
Deuteronomy 4:5 "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to *them* in the land which you go to possess.
Deuteronomy 4:14 "And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.
Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- B. The Scriptures are profitable for reproof.
 The Scriptures of heresy or improper belief. The Scriptures expose false teaching.
 (**Hebrews 4:12-13**) The result of conviction for heresy is confession and repentance.
 (**Matthew 4:4**)
Psalm 119:130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.
Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;
Deuteronomy 4:2 "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
Deuteronomy 12:32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.
- C. The Scriptures are profitable for correction.
 The Scripture corrects improper behavior.
1. The Bible corrects and cleanses wrong thoughts.
 - a) helps to avoid thinking critically of others.
Psalm 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
 - b) helps to avoid thinking of fearful thoughts.
Joshua 1:8 "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.
 - c) helpful for avoiding thinking inconsistently. (**Philippians 4:8-9; 2 Peter 1:5-10**)
 - d) helpful for avoiding worldly thinking. (**2 Corinthians 10:1-5**)
 2. The Bible corrects and cleanses wrong speech. (**James 1:22-26; Psalm 119:41-42, 46**)

3. The Bible corrects and cleanses wrong actions.
John 15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. God's Word will correct and cleanse us from wrong thoughts, speech, and actions; or else wrong thoughts, speech and actions will keep us from God's Word.
- D. The Scriptures are profitable for instruction in righteousness.
 The Scriptures educate and instruct positively in proper righteous behavior.
 1. The Scriptures instruct and educate about salvation. (2 Timothy 3:15)
 2. The Scriptures instruct and educate about guidance.
Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,
2 Peter 1:19 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;
 3. The Scriptures instruct and educate about Christ.
John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.
Acts 10:43 "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."
Acts 18:28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.
 4. The Scriptures instruct and educate about life. (**Romans 15:4; 16:26**)
Psalms 119:50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.
Psalms 119:93 I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.
Deuteronomy 17:19-20 "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, **20** "that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment *to* the right hand or *to* the left, and that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.
 5. The Scriptures instruct and educate those who believe.
1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.
2 Corinthians 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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

The man of God, most likely refers to Timothy and those with leadership responsibilities, but also applies to all Christians everywhere. The Scriptures are designed to equip and make proficient the man of God for every good work. The ultimate purpose of inspiration in this context is to equip the servant to accomplish v.16. The Scriptures provide the content and instructions necessary to equip the leader, and for the leader to equip the saints. (**Ephesians 4:11**) The Scriptures are written with the goals of convicting and converting sinners, and equipping and establishing saints for service.

- A. The Word of God equips for evangelism.
- B. The Word of God equips for counseling.
1 Timothy 1:3, 18; 4:13-15; 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 15; 1 Timothy 4:6
- C. The Word of God equips for use of spiritual gifts.
Ephesians 1:17-19; 4:7, 11-14
- D. The Word of God equips for spiritual warfare. **Ephesians 6:10-17**