

(Guidelines) Inspiration Ii

by J. Vernon McGee

The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing the authority and inspiration of Scripture, and the role of illumination in understanding its teachings.

Duration: 1:43

Scripture: Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 30:5, Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 5:18, John 10:35, Romans 15:4, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 1:21

Topics: "Biblical Inspiration", "Authority of Scripture"

Description

J. Vernon McGee emphasizes the concept of verbal plenary inspiration, asserting that every word of the Scriptures is divinely inspired and authoritative. He references early Church Fathers like Irenaeus and Augustine to support the belief that the Scriptures are perfect and cannot err. McGee encourages believers to recognize the Bible as the voice of God, which speaks directly to our hearts and lives. He also indicates the importance of understanding illumination and interpretation in relation to Scripture, aiming to clarify these concepts further in his sermon.

Transcript

Now, when we talk about verbal plenary inspiration, we want to be very clear what we mean about that, and that means that we believe that the words are inspired and that we believe that all the words are inspired, so that today it's the words and, of course, not the thoughts. And we've already amplified that, I think, a great deal. And it was way back under Irenaeus.

One of the Church Fathers said, "...the Scriptures indeed are perfect, forasmuch as they are spoken by the word of God and by his Spirit." Augustine made this statement. He says, "...let us therefore yield ourselves and bow to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, which can neither err nor deceive." May I say that we need to recognize that we have a book that is fully inspired, and as that great giant of Princeton years ago said, "...whatever the Bible says, God says." And he speaks in this book to our hearts and to our lives. Now, I want to move down, because actually last time I did not amplify enough concerning illumination and interpretation.

And I'd like today to amplify a great deal of what we said last time about illumination.

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