

Inspiration

Introduction

1. Luke 12:11-12; 21:12-16
2. Context of Luke 12:
 - a. What is the worth of a sparrow? Verses 6 - 7
 - i. 5 sparrows for 2 farthings Matthew 10:29 has 2 sparrows for 1 farthing
 - ii. One sparrow was free!
 - iii. God is the God of the 5th sparrow as well
 - iv. God is the God of small details Verse 7 Matthew 10:31
 - b. The apostles would be persecuted while preaching the wonderful new about Christ!
 - i. Matthew 10:16-21
 - ii. The Spirit would speak for them.
 - iii. This is nothing new Exodus 4:11-12
 - c. Don't worry or be anxious about what you say Luke 12:11 "take ye no thought"
3. The fulfillment of the above passages can be seen in the book of Acts
 - a. 4:1-26 (Notice verses 2,3,5,8)
 - b. 6:8,10, 13, 15; 7:51-52 (Stephen)
 - i. Notice they were rejecting not refuting and there is a difference between those two words.
 - ii. They could not refute anything that Stephen said, but they did reject what he said by the Holy Ghost
 - c. Paul before the council 23:1; before Felix 24:3; before Festus 24:27 even Nero?
 - d. Paul spoke forth the words of truth and soberness Acts 26:25
4. **The common thread through all of this is inspiration**
5. Let us study some theories of inspiration; the definition of inspiration; and what this means to us today

II Discussion

1. Some Theories of Inspiration
 - a. Natural Inspiration like Milton or Shakespeare
 - b. Partial Inspiration Bible contains the Word of God, 2 Timothy 3:16 says "All"
 - c. Thought inspiration God gave the thoughts to humans who then recorded
 - d. Plenary Verbal Inspiration
 - i. God was with Moses Exodus 4:15-16 "Put words in his mouth
 - ii. David 2 Samuel 23:2
 - iii. Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:9
 - iv. Balaam in Numbers 22:18,38; 23:5,12,16; 24:13
 - v. Paul 1 Corinthians 2:9
2. The definition of Inspiration
 - a. 2 Timothy 3:15-17
 - i. Greek compound word means God breathed
 - ii. Breathed into by God B.B. Warfield
 - iii. A conscious breathing
 - iv. The Bible therefore is just as much the Word of God as though God spoke every single word of it with His own lips!
 - b. 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - i. Not by will of man that prophecy came at any time
 - ii. The decision to prophecy did not originate with man- holy men of God speak as they were moved

- iii. These men wrote when so moved by the Holy Ghost
- iv. "Moved" is found also in Acts 27:15-17 the ships were move by the wind.
- 3. What does this mean for us today? Is the Holy Ghost still inspiring men today?
 - a. Some say yes
 - i. "What the Lord has laid upon my heart"
 - ii. You must be dependent upon the Spirit of illumination
 - iii. "The Spirit told me..."
 - b. Some say no
 - i. Please itemize the things lacking in the Word that the Holy Ghost needs to supply. What additive or nutrient beyond the word does on need?
 - ii. Is the Bible able to build us up and give us an inheritance? Acts 20:32
 - iii. Is the Bible sufficient enough to save our soul James 1:21
 - iv. Can we read and understand the Bible? Ephesians 3:1-4; 5:17
 - v. Do we have all we need to go to heaven or do we lack something, if so what do we lack, 2 Peter 1:3

III Conclusion

1. Inspiration was given to the apostles and men who wrote the Bible.
2. We have all we need to go to heaven today, nothing new!
3. Let the Word of God direct you today and every day!
4. You know this is what God has said, no questions about the Bible and it is truth
5. Obey His commands now

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