

THE INTEGRITY OF SCRIPTURE

I remember reading on a subject of how things have changed with time. The subject dealt with the issue of Scripture. It read as follows, “Not many years ago all one had to say to affirm his belief in the full inspiration of the Bible was that he believed it was “the Word of God.” Then it became necessary to add “the inspired Word of God.” Later he had to include “the verbally, inspired Word of God.” Then to mean the same thing he had to say, “the plenary (fully), verbally, inspired Word of God.” Today one has to say “the plenary, verbally, infallible, inspired, and inerrant-in-the-original-manuscripts Word of God.” And even then, he may not communicate clearly!”

To say that we believe the Bible is the Word of God is not quite as simple as it sounds. Many people say the same thing, but mean something totally different. Some believe that the Bible contains the words of God, but not all scripture is the Word of God. And by this statement alone, I do not agree with how some view the Bible. The difficulties become more complex each day, so be careful when agreeing with some concerning the Bible as containing the Word of God.

I fully understand, and do not deny that there are problems in some texts that are hard of reconcile. But, problems are quite different from errors, and by definition a problem does not mean error. It simply means a question, or situation that presents uncertainties, perplexities, and difficulties. Never interpret problems as errors.

Scripture: King James Version: Romans 3:1-4; II Timothy 3:16.

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