

thought and led them into correct ideas at various points. But that is not what inspiration is. Inspiration is the Holy Spirit guiding them so that their words will convey the thought that He wished to convey. To say verbal inspiration is repetition of words because inspiration is verbal, else it is not inspiration at all, in (9 B/4)

true sense of the word. Otherwise it is inspiration like Shakespeare had, or it is <sup>a</sup> revelation which is a different thing. The inspiration of the Holy ~~Spirit~~ <sup>Scripture</sup> means the words, and it means only the words. It does not relate to the ideas, it means that the words are fitting words to represent the ideas, and it means that the words are kept free from error of fact, or doctrine, or of (10 1/4) judgment.

I don't like the term verbal inspiration because it's just needless repetition. Inspiration is verbal. What we really mean is plenary inspiration, that it is full inspiration, that it is complete inspiration, that it is kept from error of any type whatever, and yet it is strange, many people will receive no shock if you say you believe in plenary inspiration, they perhaps don't even know what (10 1/2) means, but if you say you believe in verbal inspiration they think you're some sort of an old monstrosity way back in the Middle Ages. And of course one reason they have that idea is ~~that~~ because so many people don't understand at all what we mean by inspiration. They think that when you say verbal inspiration you mean dictation. Well, now God could have dictated the Bible. I don't see why anybody should be so shocked at the idea, why couldn't the Lord have dictated the whole Bible if he wanted to. But the fact is that he didn't want to, because you can easily see that God used the vocabulary and the language of the people who wrote, and there are personal differences in the different books, in the manner of expression. God used human beings to write, inspiration is not dictation but it is guiding and it is keeping their words free from error of fact, of doctrine, or of (11 1/2) judgment,