

full of holes. Or where we ourselves find that it can't stand, and then we ~~have~~ are apt to react way to the other extreme. So it is vital that we understand what we mean by inspiration. That it doesn't mean that you can pick four words out of this book and say these four words are God's words, everything I could possibly get out of those four words is true and dependable, and build your life on four words. God never wants you to do that. God wants you to take the book as a whole and interpret it as a whole. He wants you to take the passages and compare scripture with scripture, He wants you to see what's taught here and what's taught here, and if there seems to be a contradiction, study the two together and see what they really mean, and see how the contradictions that appear is only a verbal contradiction, that is to say an apparent contradiction and not a real one.

If you find that Paul says that we are saved by faith, and not by works, that is a great statement. We are saved by faith and not by works. But then we turn over to James, and find that James says that faith without works is dead, he says that we are saved by works, and not by faith alone. There is a flat contradiction between James and Paul. If you take three or four words alone and three or four words (11 3/4) and put them up against each other, they directly contradict one another, and it's easy to find flat contradictions like that in the scripture because you take words alone instead of interpreting them in relation to context. Study it in relation to context and it becomes perfectly clear what is meant. Paul is talking about faith as the belief in Christ, the trust in Christ, and he says this alone is what saves you. You can give your body to be burned, you can do all the acts of righteousness you can possibly struggle, build yourself to do, and it will never save you. Faith alone is what saves you. And Paul is absolutely right. But when James uses the word faith he is using it in a somewhat different sense than Paul is using it. And you can tell that without (12 1/2)