

not something that he has thought up. It is not the result of his guessing, of his considering, of his conferring, of his bringing different facts together and trying to draw a conclusion, of his saying "this is what looks reasonable to me." He is saying what the Word of the Lord has told me. He is claiming that he has received a revelation from God!

Of course the Bible is in its entirety a revelation from God. But it was not given entirely as a revelation to the writers because many of them wrote about things they had seen, ~~known~~ things they had heard, things they had inferred. The Holy Spirit kept them from errors in what they wrote so that all they said is a revelation from God. But much of what they give us in the Bible was given them by revelation from God.

Many think this idea of revelation is an old mideaval concept. We know everything from science now! We don't need revelation, but the fact of course is that most of anything we know has come to us from revelation, that is to say from a communication from some other person. There's no man living who has worked up from his own observation everything he knows about every field of science. A great part of what he's received is a revelation to him from someone else who tells him what he has discovered and also what he has received from other individuals. So revelation is one of the commonest ways of getting knowledge. But this is not simply a revelation in the sense that most of our knowledge is. It is a revelation from the Lord. That, of course is the only source of revelation that is entirely dependable because any individual may make a mistake, may