

because you can use all sorts of ~~wors-~~ words . . .but when you talk about the Bible ,let's have in mind ther e when we speak of inspiration. In connection with the Bible we mean that God has so directed and watched over the writers of the ~~scrip-~~ scripture ~~that~~ what they wrote was kept free from error. We don't ~~me~~ an that these men were like the Lord Jesus Christ. We don't mean that Peter and Paul and David didn't have all-~~sort~~ sorts of errors , and historical, and even theological ideas, what we mean ~~tx~~ is that God saw to ~~that~~ it ~~th~~at their incorrect ideas didn't find their way into what he meant to be part of his written word. <sup>ri</sup> e kept ~~it~~ free from error ~~x~~ that which he ~~had~~ intended to be ~~par-~~ part of the Bible. Now, if you go amonst people who are opposed to~~the~~ Bible or opposed to the fundamentalist ~~k~~ attitude toward the Bible, ~~you-~~ they are bound to ridicule the ide a of verbal inspiration, they say how silly to think that God dictated the Bible. Well, we don't believe that God dictated the Bible. But if we did ~~here-~~ ~~h~~there would be nothing silly about it. I can dicta~~te~~ a letter to a stenographer. Dictation is a very common thing and <sup>is</sup> God did dictate parts of the Bible. He gave ~~th~~g the commandments so that all people could hear that. He dicated parts of the Bible. But a great bulk of the Bible is not dictated by God. People always used their own vocabulary, they expressed ideas that were in their minds, they had their individuality. These human beings were invited to write the book of the Bible, but the Holy Spirit watched over them and directed them to keep them from error in what they wrote. I heard someone say that Paul wrote ~~I heard them say-~~ a third espistle to the Corinthians, and if if we should discover that, we should put it right in the Bible. The first t hing I would object to that . If God intended the Bible to contain three espistles of Paul to the Corinthians, ~~He~~ would have caused that the third epistle would