

No Private Interpretation"

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Introduction

A. Welcome.

Discussion:

A. I once knew a man who had a mis application of scripture.

I. He would say: "The Bible is of *no private interpretation - You have your interpretation, and I have mine.*

B. The scripture that he was referring to was 2 Pet. 1:19-21

I. "...Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.:

a. This scripture does not deal with how we understand the scriptures

b. How we interpret the scriptures.

i. This scripture deals with the issue of "Revelation". That is "how the scriptures themselves were given".

ii. By inspiration - 2Tim. 3:16-17

iii. From the mouth of God

iv. Vines - "Interpretation" (Epilysis) "The writers of scripture did not put their own construction upon the "God-breathed words" they wrote.

C. The various writers of the scriptures did not write down their own ideas and thoughts, but what was given to them by "inspiration of God.

I. 1 Cor. 2:9-13, 1 Cor 14:37, Gal 1:11-12, Eph. 3:1-5 2 Pet. 1:19-21

II. Holy Spirit gave the scriptures - Jn. 14:26, Jn. 16:13, Mk 13:11.

D. Define the word "moved" as used in 2 Pet. 1:19-21

I. Greek "Phere" "To bear or to carry - Impelled by the Holy Spirit's power, not acting according to their own wills, or simply expressing their own thoughts, but expressing the mind of God in words provided and ministered by Him." (1Cor 2:9-13 - NASV

II. 2Pet. 1:19-21 - Not "understanding" but "revelation and inspiration"

a. Peter isn't saying "You can have your interpretation, and I can have mine and both be right"

Conclusion

A. Look at what Peter says in 2Pet. 1:19

I. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy..."

II. Why is this so? Because both the prophecy and its application come from the "same Holy Spirit"

B. That's why we know the application made by N.T. writers to O.T. prophecy is

correct (Holy spirit gave both)

I. O.T. prophecy not a matter of "private interpretation"

II. Examples:

a. Ps. 132:11; Ps 110 - Acts 2 and Jesus

b. Ma. 4:5, Mal.3:1 - Mat. 11:7-11, Mt. 17:10-13 and John

c. Is. 53, Acts *:26-35 and Jesus

d. Amos 9:11-12, Acts 15:13-19 - Church and Gentile salvation

C. The Invitation