

But Scripture was no isolated individual announcement; every prophecy of *Scripture* was divine. Holy men—not patriotic bards, or concocters of pious frauds to act on the mind of a young king—had spoken. Prophecy did not come in old time by the will of man, exactly what is alleged as to it; but “holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” He also calls the writings of Paul Scriptures; putting them on a level with the rest. John is very bold, and says that listening to the apostles is a test whether a man is of God or not. “*Hereby know we the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of error.*” He that knoweth God heareth them, he tells us. How am I to listen to him now? He and Jude both refer to the Pentateuch as of unquestioned and unquestionable authority. We know what the Revelation threatens to them who mutilate or add to it. Such are the witnesses which the Lord and His apostles give to the authority, authenticity, and inspiration of Scripture.

What is the Christian to do? Am I to believe, or throw up the authority of Christ and His apostles? What is the authority of Christianity itself if I do? Am I the disciple of impostors or deceived men, or of the blessed Son of God; and receiving Divine truth from His inspired servants?

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“*And now, brethren, I commend you TO GOD, and to THE WORD OF HIS GRACE, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*” (Acts xx. 32.)