

fact of history, that we have a remarkably accurate text.

No. 7 Inspiration brings unity to the Bible

The outstanding thing about inspiration is that the writers are kept free from error, that their writings are free from errors of fact, doctrine or judgment. But there is more to it than that, it also means that there was a general leading, a general directing of their writing to such an extent that you can say that there was a blueprint of it in the mind of the Holy Spirit as to what would be the scripture which would thus be produced and so inspiration means that there is a unity. It does not mean that the same word is always used in the same sense in the Bible. God could have given us a mathematical sort of a language like we get in medicine and in law. God did not do that sort of thing in connection with the Bible and sometimes one uses one word in a certain sense and another uses the same word in another sense. When Paul says Faith, he means one thing, when James says faith he means another thing.

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It is perfectly obvious from what they say about it what is the sense in which they mean it. It makes an apparent verbal contradiction but not a contradiction at all. It is vital then that we find out what the writers mean by their words. There may be verbal contradictions, but we have unity as to teaching, we have the whole scripture fitting together. When you find a N.T. writer dragging three verses out of the O.T. and going on to present something that you can't see what those words could possibly mean. Don't just say now these three words prove that, the N.T. writer says so, I can't understand it, but he says it and that settles it. I'll take it by faith. Don't say that, say there is a blueprint in the Spirit, there is a unity here, just how he is using it, I may investigate and find out and dig into and try to understand it and do not adopt some irrational conclusion simply because it seems the only way out of the question and I have found in many cases, when the N.T. quotes three words from the O.T. that he is not giving any argument whatsoever on those 3 words but is using them to remind his readers of O.T. prophecy and then he is drawing the general teaching of that O.T. prophecy passage into mind and it exactly fits. There is a unity to the Bible as a result of inspiration. The writers may never heard of each other, they may have written in different languages, different backgrounds, and in different circumstances. It all fits