

And of course on this matter of judgment we must be a little bit cautious. Reasoning is not always expressed fully. I think very often in the Scripture, he gives us something and he gives us conclusions from it and doesn't express (8 1/4)

We can easily be misled if we don't study the whole passage. When we study the context I think we find that the reasoning there always proves to be correct, and dependable, but it's very easy for us to get a false interpretation of the reasoning. But our doctrine of inspiration is that it is free from errors of reasoning or of judgment. Now we looked yesterday at certain matters about this definition, to be sure we understand exactly what it means, and at the end of the hour, we were noticing that it applies to the word.

Inspiration is not a matter of ideas, it is a matter of words. Revelation may be ideas. God may reveal an idea to a man, he may reveal it in words, He may reveal it in a picture, He may reveal it in a vision, He may reveal it through leading his mind on until a certain idea ~~becomes~~ takes possession of his mind. But inspiration deals ~~with~~ not with ideas but with words. It is not a question of what idea is there, but of the words that are there, being the words that will convey that idea clearly and accurately. And being words that, while they are concerned with that idea, will not convey also erroneous ideas, or will not bring in implications that are false. Just at the end of the hour we said a ~~word~~ about the limitations of human words.

It is very important for the Christian that he realizes the infallibility of the Scripture, that he realizes that all of it is inspired, that it is all dependable. It is also of importance that he realize what this doctrine means, and does not carry it to an extreme which the Christian church has never held. Because I find that when we take a doctrine, a viewpoint, anything that is good and carry it to an extreme, so that it's nothing like as bad as missing the doctrine. Yet when we carry it to an extreme, very often it reaches a point where it's easy for someone else to shoot it