

Of course the word is "ark" which is an Old English word we don't use much today, but the word ark could be used of any kind of a box, or a boat, etc. In the Bible ark was used for that great big boat, and it's also used for the box in which the Five Books of Moses were placed and it was carried on the shoulders, as they went through the wilderness. The word is used in two different senses, as so often is the case. Inspiration in the theological sense is a very special thing and it is something that is done by the Holy Spirit and it is to be distinguished from all other works of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will illumine y ur mind as you study the Word. The Holy Spirit will lead in each aspect of your life. He will sanctify and cleanse you. You need to lean upon the Holy Spirit in all the activities of your life ~~xxx~~ as He brings the things of God to your attention, and draws you closer to Christ. But none of that is inspiration in the theological sense. The theological sense it is something that is done, it is done in relation to the writings of the Books of the Bible and has no direct relevance to anything else. This specific thing called inspiration in the theological sense.

Now inspiration relates to books, not to men. When I was in Seminary the professor of church history once made the statement that it seems reasonable to think from certain references in the book of Corinthians that Paul wrote one or two other Epistles to the Corinthians in addition to the two ~~xxx~~ that we have. Now, he said, if one of these should be discovered, that would be a part of the Bible to appear in our next copies of the Bible. I don't believe that for a minute. God intended certain books to be in the Bible. God intended David to write the wonderful Psalms and God inspired David to keep him from error when he wrote those Psalms. But when David wrote a letter to Joab telling him to put Uriah in the forefront of the Battle so Uriah would be killed because David wished to take Uriah's wife, he was not inspired when he wrote that. Inspiration does not apply to everything Peter wrote or Paul wrote. When Peter and Paul strove together, neither of them was inspired. Inspiration refers to only to that which was written which God intended to be part of His Word. So inspiration is a specific thing dealing with a book rather than with a man. The OT books are not inspired because prophets wrote them; God used prophets to write them. God used prophets usually to write them, but ~~xxxxxxx~~ they are inspired because God inspired them. The NT books are not ~~xx~~ inspired because apostles wrote them. They are inspired because God inspired the writers and caused that these books ~~x~~ should be kept from error.

I know there are people who say the reason the books of the NT are inspired is because an apostle wrote it and anything an apostle wrote is in the NT. Well logically from that you would have to say that Paul was an apostle because Paul's epistles say he was. And we can believe his epistles because they were written by an apostle. And you're just arguing in a circle, of course. The other books don't any~~xxx~~ where say that Paul was an apostle. Jesus appointed 12 Apostles; Paul was not named. We know God inspired Paul to write these books as part of His word and in them he tells that he was an apostle. But they are not inspired because they are written by an apostle; they are inspired because God inspired them and caused the people of God to whom they were given to recognize them.