

## #2 God's Word in Man's Language

should we should read His word, fill our minds with it. We should study it and make it part of our being. It is effective for God's purpose. What is effective is not a bit of paper. It is not some marks written on a paper. It is not some particular human words. It is the ideas that these words express, the ideas that God has given in order to accomplish His will.

Inerrancy does not mean that every letter in the any particular copy of the Bible is exactly the only one that will convey the idea God wants presented. He could have given that kind of inerrancy if He choose. He could have made a perfect language which would never change. He could have made dictionaries to give every that full and complete means of that word in every language. He could have had His Word written on tables of stone that could not possibly be changed, so that every tiniest part of it would give the exact words He wants. The word of God is not a combination of particular human sounds. The Word of God is the ideas He wants His people to have.

I say that inspiration is not a matter of ideas but of words. By this I mean however, not that these are the only words that can convey the ideas, I mean that these words have been seen overseen and superintended by God's spirit that any idea that can be properly drawn from them will be correct. I do not say that the idea will be exact. Nothing in this world is complete exact. Some have objected to the matter of the relation of the sea in the temple that it is not exact, but if you grade it down to the slightest degree it still is not exact. It is exact enough to give us the idea that God wants us to have and if we study it carefully and compare Scripture with Scripture we get a clearer idea of exactly what these ideas are.

What a power the Word of God has been. These books that make up the Bible were distributed throughout the Roman Empire. The Lord used them to establish a work so great that when the Diocletian persecution came and an