

The Inspired Word of God

*For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, **you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe** 1Th. 2:13*

Do we see it like this?

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:16-17

God's Word is Inspired

- Awe ... Reverence ... Respect ... Fear
- *Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word."*

Isa 66:1-2

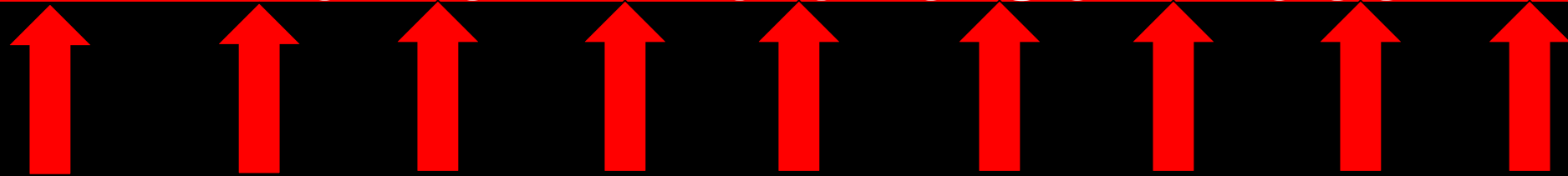
- Do we tremble at God's Word?
- When we hold it in our hands; when we read and consider it ... awe, reverence, fear and respect?

Inspired = **Things** Holy Spirit Revealed

9 ...The **THINGS** which **God has prepared** for those who love Him." 10 But God has **revealed THEM** to us through His **Spirit**. For the **Spirit** searches all **THINGS**, yes, the deep **THINGS** of God. 11 For what man knows the **THINGS** of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the **THINGS** of God except the **Spirit** of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit** who is from God, that we **might know** the **THINGS** that have been **freely given to us by God**. 13 These **THINGS** we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy **Spirit** teaches, comparing spiritual **THINGS** with spiritual...

God's Mind
Things

A Barrier – No one Can Pass



- *Eye has not seen,*
- *nor ear heard,*
- *Nor have entered into the heart of man*
- *The **things** which God has prepared for those who love Him. 1Cor 2:9*

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Inspiration
1 Cor 2:10-12

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- *Unto us God revealed **them***
- *Through the **SPIRIT***
- *The **SPIRIT** searches all **things***
- *The deep **things** of God.*
- *We received the **SPIRIT** from God*
- *We know the things freely given to us by God.*

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Inspiration in Old Testament

*no prophecy ever came by the will of man:
but men spoke from God, being moved by
the Holy Spirit. 2 Pet 1:20-21*

OT into NT

*10 Of this salvation **the prophets** have inquired and searched carefully, **who prophesied of the grace that would come to you**, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, **the Spirit of Christ** who was in them was indicating when **He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.** 1 Peter 1:10-12*

OT into NT

To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven —1Peter 1:10-12

Inspiration 1 Cor 2:10-12

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Old Testament
1 Pet 1:10-11
2 Pet 1:20-21

New Testament
Jn 14:26; 16:12-13
Mt 10:19-20
Gal 1:11-12

Apostles and prophets
Eph 3:5

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the Holy Spirit,... shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 14:26

when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: ... Jn 16:12-13

be not anxious how or what ye shall speak:...for it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaks in you. Mt 10:19-20

the gospel which was preached by me,...is not after man. ...either did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ. Gal 1:11-12

which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: Eph 3:5-6

Inspiration 1 Cor 2:9-13

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- I Cor 14:37

Written Words

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by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, 4 ... when you read, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; Eph 3:3-4

If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord. 1 Cor 14:37

Rightly Dividing

- *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth. 2Tim 2:15*
- "**orthotomeo**... 1. to cut straight... *tas hodous* to cut straight ways, i. e. to proceed by straight paths, hold a straight course..."
- When we see God's word as inspired ... and treat it with the appropriate awe, reverence, and respect, we will always seek to take only what is within His word and add nothing.

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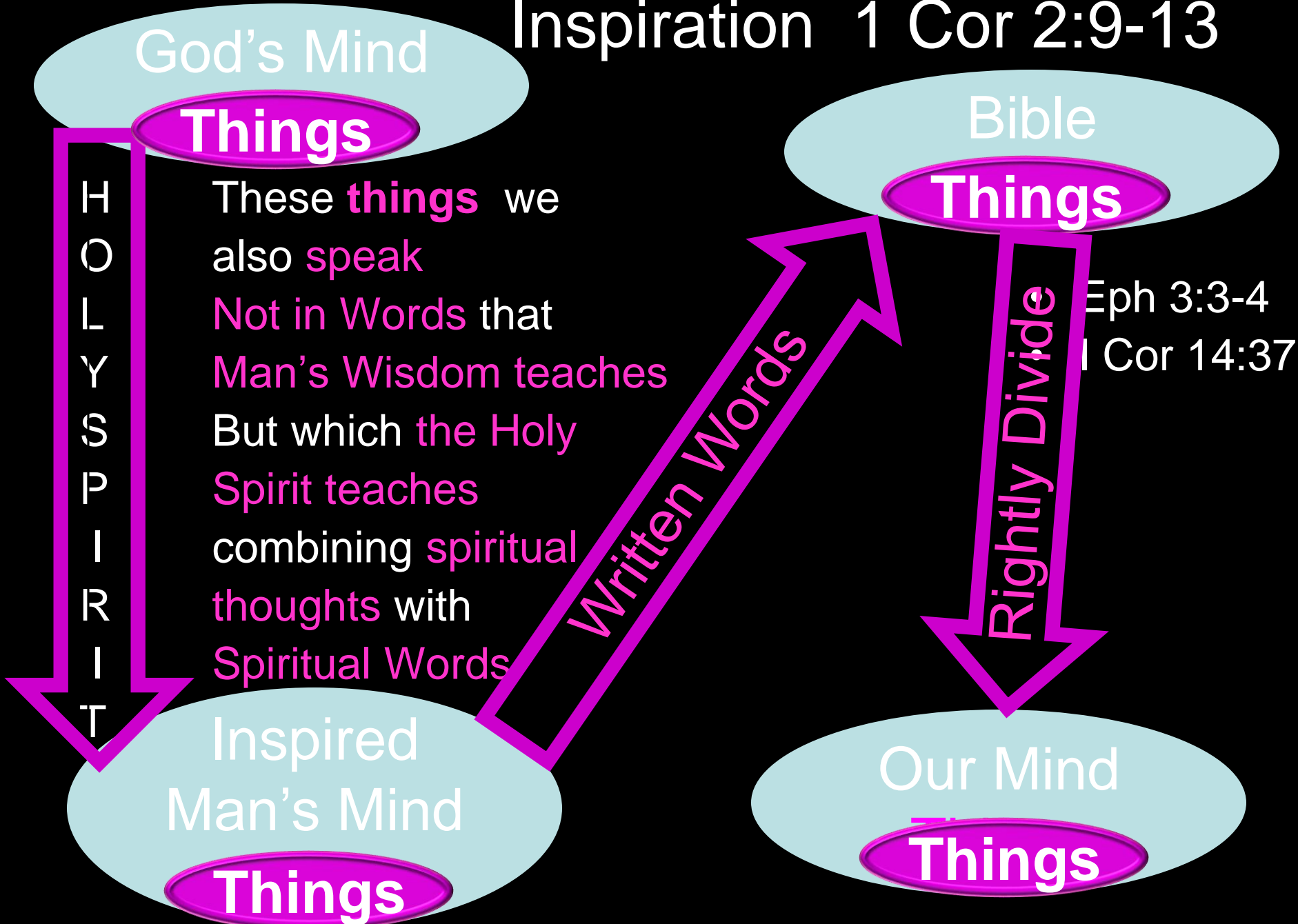
Written Words

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Our Mind

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God's Words are Pure

- *The words of the Lord are pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times. Ps 12:6*
- *Every word of God is pure; He is a shield
to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do
not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you,
and you be found a liar. Pr 30:5-6*

Forever Settled in Heaven

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

You established the earth, and it abides. 91 They

continue this day according to Your ordinances,

For all are Your servants. Ps 119:89-91

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words,

*has that which judges him — **the word that I have***

***spoken will judge him in the last day.** John 12:48*

Gospel is incorruptible – Forever

having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:23-25