

ILL. of the preacher to preached on the matter of sálvation being free and unable to be brought--preached it eight times in a row using different illustrations and the eighth time one of the leading men of the church came up to him and told him of the new idea which had come into his mind about salvation being all by the ~~grace~~ of God. And as one grows older the ideas will penetrate ~~even~~ in a more difficult manner because the thoughts are crystalised and it is very difficult to get new ideas therein. And so when God tries to get the infinite wisdom He has into our human minds He has a tremendous problem. Of course God could do anything and He could have filled this world with all kinds of wonderful creatures that would do exactly as He bade them do, but that is not what He did--He didn't make us a bunch of machines, but rather gave us personality and a will of our own--He wanted us to love and serve Him of our own desire and under those circumstances He has a problem--to get those ideas into minds of creatures whom He has created as He has created us and who have been under the effect of sin and the degenerating effect of sin upon our minds, generation after generation. So revelation is a common thing, a natural thing--if there is a God we expect a revelation. If God is a personality it is strange indeed if there were no revelation--it is such a strong impulse upon our parts to reveal ourselves to others that it would seem strange indeed in a personal God did not have a similar impulse to reveal Himself to the creatures whom He has created; but it is a complex and difficult thing to understand that revelation and to get the full meaning out of it--you may get a certain portion; a large part in comparison to someone else, but to be sure that you get all the meaning of the revelation and that you don't misunderstand it and read something into it that isn't there--that is a matter for long and difficult study to be sure that you know exactly what that revelation is. God has thus given us parts of the Bible by direct revelation and we can agree with the modernist that ~~it~~ says the Bible contains the Word of God; at least we agree with those words though they mean something different thereby. How about the rest of the Bible though--is it dependable or is that part where He claims to have spoken the only part that we can depend upon.

#### B. All of the Bible is Inspired--

We notice I Pet. 1:21--these men were moved by the Holy Ghost--this is not claiming that there were loud speakers, nor is it saying that God dictated the message to them nor is it speaking of those parts of the Bible where it explicitly says that God spoke--this is speaking of the whole Old Testament--it came not by the will of men but by the will of the Holy