

enabled them to select those ideas that would be in line with God's purpose for His Book, and enabled them to keep from putting down here ideas that were erroneous or from using words that ~~XXXX~~ would convey meanings that were incorrect. And so, by "inspiration", the writers ~~XXX~~ were protected, ~~XXXX~~ prevented, from putting down that which was not desired there, and ~~XXXX~~ directed in putting down something that would convey they thought that God wished conveyed. <sup>Q</sup>Inspiration is necessary to protect the revelation, to make it so that it can be understood not merely by those who hear the man ~~XXX~~ to whom God gave a revelation but by those who read it at later times.

And so between revelation and inspiration, we get a book of which we can say, "God spoke in this book."

And God spoke most of all in His Son Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity. We see the character of God in Jesus Christ. And ... when inspired men told us what Jesus Christ did, And they told us how Jesus Himself purged our sins by His death on Calvary's cross. And they don't ~~K~~ just give the fact, they explain it and they tell about His resurrection. And the proof it gave ~~XX~~ that He really was God's Son, that He really had died for our sins. And they tell us this, and the Holy Spirit protects them from error.

The result is that we have a book of words, and they are human words. And human words you can easily misunderstand, you can be mistaken. But they are words when , if you study carefully and see exactly what they say and be very careful not to read into them what is not there but just to take what is there, you get ideas that God has that He wants to communicate to you, God spoke to you.

We have heard about Martin Luther this evening and about his great work in the founding of the Protestant Reformation. I love to think of that situation which came when Martin Luther was called before the emperor right at the beginning of the Reformation. They'd called him to Worms, and there at the Diet of Worms in 1521, a simple German