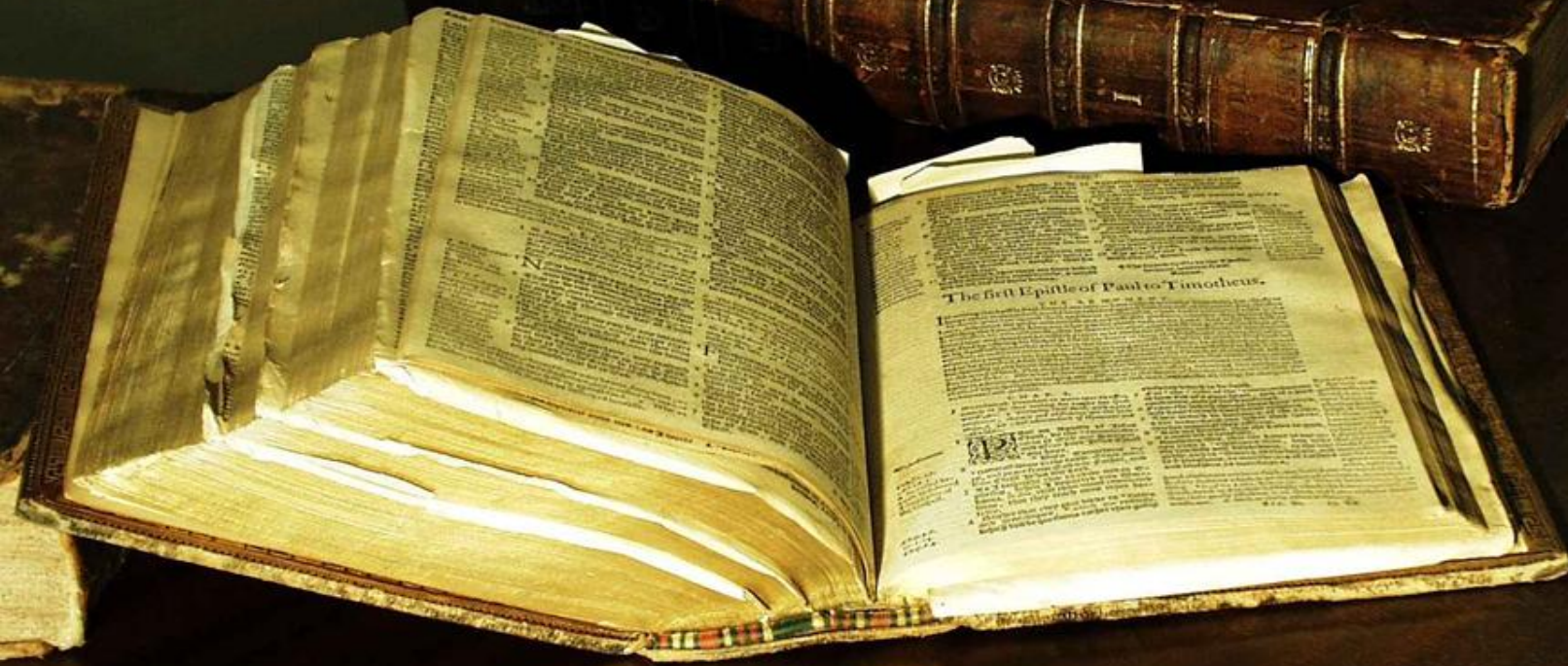


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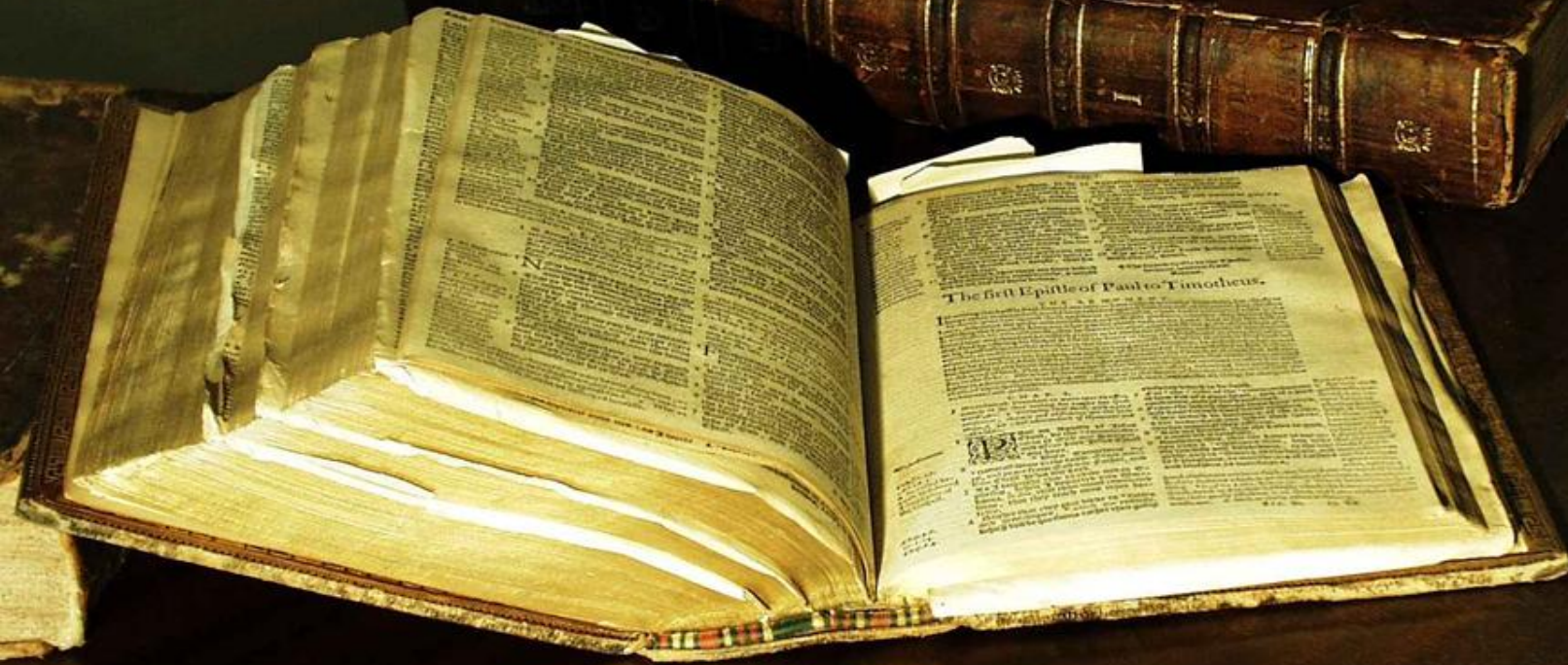
*What is it all about?*







*II Tim 3.<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is  
God-breathed ...*





# The Bible Claims to be Inspired by God.

*Inspiration means that God influenced the writers of Scripture so that, even while writing according to their own styles, personalities, and experiences, the end result was that God's Word was written – authoritative, trustworthy, and free from error in the original manuscripts.*



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*2 Peter 1: <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*



The background of the image shows a stack of several old, leather-bound books. The books are dark brown with visible wear and tear. The top book is closed, and its spine is visible. Below it, another book is partially open, showing its pages. In the foreground, an open book lies flat, displaying two pages of text. The text on the pages is small and dense, typical of a printed volume. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the leather and the aged paper.

# The Writers Knew That What They Wrote Carried the authority of God

*Gal. 1.<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers,  
that the gospel I preached is not  
something that man made up. <sup>12</sup> I did  
not receive it from any man, nor was I  
taught it; rather, I received it by  
revelation from Jesus Christ.*





# Those who Read What the Apostles Wrote Accepted Their Writings as Scripture.

*1 Thess. 2.<sup>13</sup> And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.*



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- *It teaches us.*
- *It rebukes us.*
- *It corrects us.*
- *It trains us.*





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*I Corinthians 2.9 It is written: No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what  
God has prepared for those who love Him 10  
but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.*

