

Recap of 2/7/16 (2 Peter 1:21):

1. *The sixth line of evidence for the reliability of the Bible is that of “self-testimony” (what does the Bible claim about itself?)*
2. *The Bible makes the following claims:*
 - Every-word accuracy, Matthew 5:18, Jesus claims that the Scripture will be fulfilled down to the smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet (the “yod”) and parts of Hebrew letters (“minor stroke of the pen”-for example, smaller than the difference between a capital P and capital R in English).*
 - To be of divine origin, 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16. “All Scripture is God-breathed.” “Prophets spoke as they were borne along by the Holy Spirit” (picture the winds against the sails of a sailboat).*
 - God’s revelation came to us in words. Inspiration extends to the very words of Scripture, not just the thoughts(1 Corinthians 2:13).*
 - That the New Testament has equal authority with the Old Testament. In 2 Peter 3:16 Peter calls Paul’s writings Scripture using a word which was applied to Old Testament canon. In 1 Timothy 5:18 Paul combines an Old Testament passage (Deut. 25:4) with a saying of Jesus found in Luke 10:7 (the book of Luke being completed only three to six years before Paul writes 1 Timothy and calls them both Scripture, the same term used above to speak of the canonical Old Testament.*
 - That behind the human author of Scripture was the divine author. Jesus says “God said” speaking of Moses’ writing (Matthew 15:4); “The Holy Spirit spoke long ago thru the Mouth of David” (Acts 1:16). Other similar passages are: Acts 4:24-25 and Mark 12:36).*
 - This accuracy of Scripture is not dependent upon human memory, but upon the Holy Spirit bringing to remembrance the things the Apostle’s had learned from and saw in Jesus (John 16:12-13)*