

problem -

the question we must fight to answer is not only is the Bible inerrant
 the question we must settle to day is the Bible sufficient
 but we cannot stop there we must also today seek to answer the main question facing us a evangelical
 Christians - is the bible superior to our experience

experience does not last it is insufficient as a source of truth and knowledge -pictures and writing and video
 make an event more legitimate — “did you get it in writing?”

Text:**We Can Confirm His Power and Coming**

2Pet. 1:16 ¶ For **we** did not follow **cleverly devised myths** when **we** made known (aorist) to you
 the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we** were **eyewitnesses of his majesty**.

2Pet. 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and **the voice** was borne
 to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”

2Pet. 1:18 **we** ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for **we** were with him on the
 holy mountain.

for - 2 Peter 1:12-15 - the truth of the Gospel

cleverly devised myths - 2 Pet 2:1 (power); 2 Pet 3:1-4 (and coming)

eyewitnesses - (1 John 1:1-4)(1 Cor 15:1-8)

of His majesty - Heb 1:1-4; Rev 1:1 - Christ is the full and final revelation of God to man

the voice - and they saw an unmediated picture of His coming - Luke 9:27-36

So Can You

2Pet. 1:19 And **we** have something more sure, **the prophetic word**, to which **you** will do well to
 pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in
 your hearts,

2Pet. 1:20 knowing this first of all, that no **prophecy of Scripture** comes from someone’s own
 interpretation.

2Pet. 1:21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as
 they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit**.

prophetic word - God Himself is scary unmediated- exodus 19:9-20; 20:18-19; 34:29-35

(mouthpieces - 2 Kings 17:13, 23; 21:10; 24:2; Hosea 12:10; Amos 3:7)

own interpretation - 1 Kings 13:1-24

the problem is other people - Jer 14:13-14; 23:16-32

Carried along by the Holy Spirit —B.B. Warfield: Concursus- Heb 10:15; 3:7 - Divine

and human authorship - Heb 4:6-12 - a Word that is living and active still relevant

This was the view of Jesus Mk 12:35-36 (it is written)

and the view of Peter - 2 Pet 3:14-16 - inspiration a result not a process

*God ordained providentially the inscripturation of His Word
 through the personalities of men*

*the Scriptures are not only sufficient -2 Peter 1:3; 2 Tim 3:10-4:4 - letter**

(able to accomplish God's will in our lives)

they are superior to any other means of revelation - Luke 16:27-31; 24:21-27

(experience fades but the Word remains) - video -the Bible contains

Main Idea:

the Scriptures are not only sufficient they are superior to any other means of revelation

Implication: 2 Tim 3:10-4:4

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Pay Attention - is this your expectation?

listen to these words penned by an unknown parishioner regarding your pastor

Fling him into his office. Tear the "Office" sign from the door and nail on the sign, "Study." Take him off the mailing list. Lock him up with his books and his typewriter and his Bible. Slam him down on his knees before texts and broken hearts and the flock of lives of a superficial flock and a holy God.

Force him to be the one man in our surfeited communities who knows about God. Throw him into the ring to box with God until he learns how short his arms are. Engage him to wrestle with God all the night through. And let him come out only when he's bruised and beaten into being a blessing.

Shut his mouth forever spouting remarks, and stop his tongue forever tripping lightly over every nonessential. Require him to have something to say before he dares break the silence. Bend his knees in the lonesome valley.

Burn his eyes with weary study. Wreck his emotional poise with worry for God. And make him exchange his pious stance for a humble walk with God and man. Make him spend and be spent for the glory of God. Rip out his telephone. Burn up his ecclesiastical success sheets.

Put water in his gas tank. Give him a Bible and tie him to the pulpit. And make him preach the Word of the living God!

Test him. Quiz him. Examine him. Humiliate him for his ignorance of things divine. Shame him for his good comprehension of finances, batting averages, and political in-fighting. Laugh at his frustrated effort to play psychiatrist. Form a choir and raise a chant and haunt him with it night and day-"Sir, we would see Jesus."

When at long last he dares assay the pulpit, ask him if he has a word from God. If he does not, then dismiss him. Tell him you can read the morning paper and digest the television commentaries, and think through the day's superficial problems, and manage the community's weary drives, and bless the sordid baked potatoes and green beans, ad infinitum, better than he can.

Command him not to come back until he's read and reread, written and rewritten, until he can stand up, worn and forlorn, and say, "Thus saith the Lord."

Break him across the board of his ill-gotten popularity. Smack him hard with his own prestige. Corner him with questions about God. Cover him with demands for celestial wisdom. And give him no escape until he's back against the wall of the Word.

And sit down before him and listen to the only word he has left-God's Word. Let him be totally ignorant of the down-street gossip, but give him a chapter and order him to walk around it, camp on it, sup with it, and come at last to speak it backward and forward, until all he says about it rings with the truth of eternity.

And when he's burned out by the flaming Word, when he's consumed at last by the fiery grace blazing through him, and when he's privileged to translate the truth of God to man, finally transferred from earth to heaven, then bear him away gently and blow a muted trumpet and lay him down softly. Place a two-edged

sword in his coffin, and raise the tomb triumphant. For he was a brave soldier of the Word. And ere he died, he had become a man of God.

end: Luke 16:27-31; 24:21-27

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“THE BIBLE contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

“It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

“CHRIST is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end.

“It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.”

read and study for further discussion:

regarding is Scripture enough:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/sufficiency-of-Scripture.html>

regarding the commodity of manufacturing experience in church today:

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/gospeldrivenchurch/2014/04/04/whats-wrong-with-producing-a-worship-experience/>

regarding the fact that since the Word of God is God’s very communication to us it is communicated well and clearly:

<http://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj15i.pdf>