

Introduction

The authority of Scripture means every word and stroke of the Bible possesses the authority of God and the right to rule the hearts, minds, and bodies of every inhabitant of the earth. Scripture's authority doesn't depend on whether mankind cooperates with it or understands it. Its authority depends on the power and supremacy of its Author—God. Scripture is *God-breathed* ([2 Timothy 3:16](#)), which means Scripture is God speaking and thus has the final say in all matters—whether we choose to submit to it or not.

To understand and accept the fact of God's authority is as simple as accepting the fact of God Himself. Romans 13:1 says "For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God". This locus classicus (most authoritative or best known) lays out clearly the source of all authority and articulates the principle of "Divine delegation" (Job 34:13; John 19:11).

Examples in OT of God's authority, "That power belongs to God" (Ps 62:11) and "Power and might are in Thy hand so that no one can stand against Thee" (2 Chron 20:6). Jesus declared, "All authority had been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt 28:18). Jude wrote, "To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen" (Jude 25).

Internal and External Evidence of Scriptures Authority

Scripture References: Psalms 19:1, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21; Isaiah 44:28, Isaiah 53:1-9; John 17:17, John 16:13

Explanation of Inerrancy

Scripture References: John 10:9, John 14:26; Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10

Doctrine of Biblical Inerrancy

Scripture References: John 17:17, Romans 1:20, Romans 2:14-15; Romans 8:29; Philippians 2:13

Importance to Believe Biblical Inerrancy

Scripture References: Psalms 12:6, Psalms 19:7 Proverbs 30:5; Psalms 119:89; John 6:67-69; 2 Timothy 2:15

Small Group Discussion

1. Discuss how prophecy reveals God's authority of Scriptures.
2. Provide scriptures that validate inerrancy of Scriptures.
3. Discuss evidence of Authority of Scripture