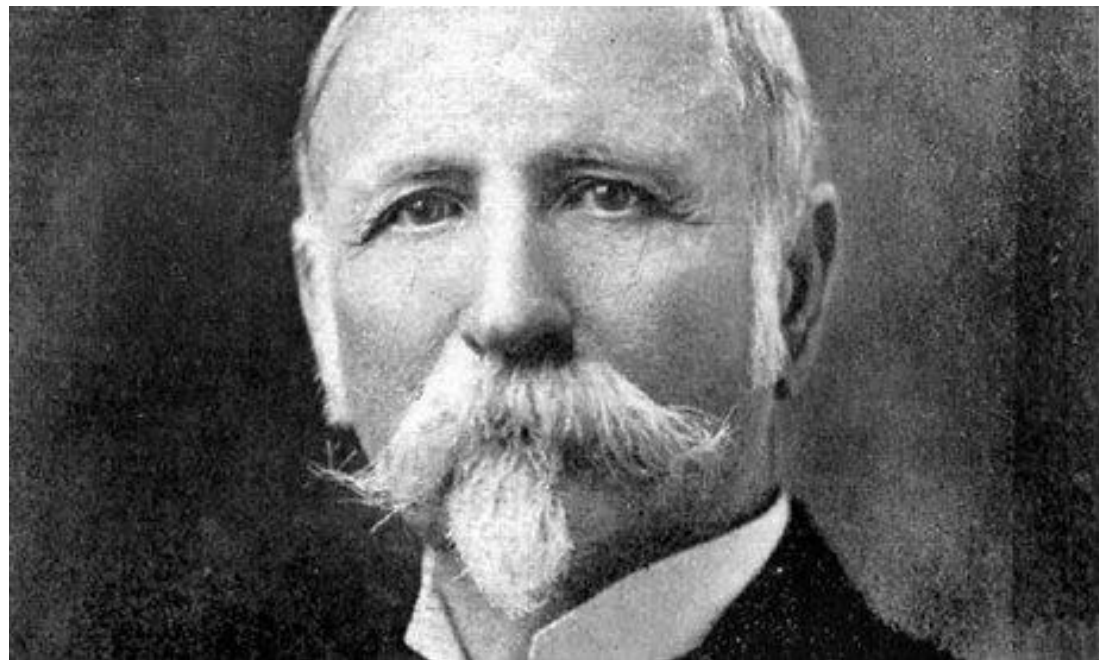


“God Has Spoken”

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1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

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2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) – All Scripture is
breathed out by God and profitable for
teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for
training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of
God may be complete, equipped for every
good work.

2 Peter 1:20–21 (ESV) - knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 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.

The Speech of God Is...

- Authoritative
- Without Error
- Relevant
- Clear
- Necessary
- Sufficient

We believe that the Holy Bible, in its original manuscripts, was verbally and completely inspired, recorded without error, confirmed by the early church, and preserved supernaturally by the work of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures, as the very Word of God, are the source and gauge of all truth.

They are sufficient and authoritative for all matters of salvation and godly living. We believe all Scripture finds its fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. (Forest Hills Baptist Church Doctrinal Statement)

1. The Word of God demands a response (v. 13).

“A high view of Scripture is of little value to us if we do not enthusiastically embrace the Scripture’s authority. But today we multiply the means for circumventing or dissipating that authority...But those of us who uphold the thorough truthfulness of God’s Word have no excuse....

Even some of us who would never dream of formally disentangling some parts of the Bible from the rest and declaring them less authoritative than other parts can by exegetical ingenuity get the Scriptures to say just about whatever we want – and this we thunder to the age as if it were a prophetic word, when it is little more than the message of the age bounced off Scripture.

To our shame, we have hungered to be masters of the Word much more than we have hungered to be mastered by it.” (D.A. Carson)

2. The Word of God is actively working in the lives of those who receive it (v. 13b).

3. The Word of God always brings opposition (v. 14-16a).

4. The Word of God will always prevail (v. 16b).

Hebrews 2:1–3 (NIV) – *We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.*