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II Samuel 23:2, **“The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.”**

There is no argument as to the inspiration of the scriptures. Any true follower of Christ believes this with all of his heart. **“David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue”** (II Samuel 23:1-2). David is clarifying a very important point and yet it is a point which has been sorely taken out of context.

There are several things which must be noted about the above passage. The words which David spake and would speak were inspired by God Himself. They were not David’s opinion or private interpretation. The clarifier is the words **“The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.”** Notice the words of Peter in Acts 1:16, **“Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.”** David did not know Judas, did not live in the same time period, and yet was able to speak of him because of the inspiration of the Spirit of God. David goes further in Psalm 45:1 by saying, **“my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”** This same premise is taught by examples in any number of scriptures relating to prophecy of the old prophets of God.

While the inspiration of God was and is so compelling in its usage, there are some today that believe that God just pours the words in a preacher’s mouth and that everything that comes out is by inspiration of the Lord. This simply is not the case. Any God fearing preacher I know, realizes that they must study the word of the Lord so as to not be ashamed when they stand to proclaim His great truths. What we all, as ministers must rely on, is the “increase” of the spirit as we speak that which we have read and studied. Please continue to pray for the called men of God as they endeavor to speak that which God has inspired the writers of

the Bible to share with us and that we will rightly divide that which we preach. We may not understand everything there is to know about the inspiration of God, but we must believe the Bible's testimony regarding its origin and the type of inspiration it possesses. **"Think About It"**