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The Harmony of the Bible

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The Bible that God has given us is truly awe-inspiring. There is no other anthology of writings, written by different men over the course of hundreds of years, that maintains the same subject of harmony with each other. The Bible is a combination of 66 books, written by around 40 men, over the span of 2500 years. So how do we explain the great harmony we find within it? It all comes from One Source – God.

Consider more carefully the harmony of the Scriptures:

1) There is nothing written by one writer that contradicts another in the Bible. Any suggestions to the contrary can easily be studied and, with adequate explanation, shown to be in harmony with the Scriptures. What are the odds that a collection of writings, written by many different men, over many different time periods, would have nothing in them that would contradict the other? If these were simple men, with the understanding and wisdom of man, harmony could never have been achieved. Even the collected works of other men through the ages, claiming to be of God - Muhammad, Joseph Smith, and so many others - contradict both themselves and the Bible. If we believe in God's omnipotence, then we must believe that He has the power to make His Bible the way He wants it, without contradictions.

2) The Law and the prophets all point to what was ultimately fulfilled in Christ. The Lord Himself says in **Luke 24:44**, "*These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms*

concerning Me." Not only did Jesus fulfill prophecy by what He did, but also by what He said. The good news of salvation itself is witnessed by the Law and the Prophets. **Rom. 3:21** reads, "*But now the righteousness of God apart from the Law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.*"

How is harmony maintained in words written hundreds of years apart, by some men hundreds of miles apart? The only logical explanation is that we have these writings by the assistance of the Spirit of God, giving the mind of God to man through the Scriptures. "*All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God*", **II Tim. 3:16**. This applies to the words of the Old and New Testaments. The men who wrote these books were guided by the Holy Spirit and were "moved" as they were given utterance to speak and write the things they were told. These are not words from mere men. The harmony of the Bible proves this. "*For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*" **II Pet. 1:21**.

The Bible is indeed the inspired word of God and should be revered and heeded as such. We have the mind of God available to us. We must understand this, realizing that people in the world are lost, in error and sin, not wanting "to retain God in their knowledge", but are suppressing "the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:28, 18). We can have confidence and assurance in the words of this Book. We must use it to not only save ourselves, but all those who hear us (I Tim. 4:16).