

The Living Word of God

Session 1 The Authority of Scripture

1. God's Authority

a. In spoken word

- i. to the inanimate—creative acts
- ii. to all image bearers—creation's testimony
- ii. to his people—personal communication

b. In written word

- i. to his people—covenantal words
- ii. to all image bearers—warnings and invitation

2. The Nature of Scripture

a. Divine author—human agency

- i. 'Thus says the Lord'
- ii. God-Moses-Aaron-Pharaoh (Exodus 4:15-16; 7:1)
- iii. Inspiration (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

b. Truth

- i. Truthfulness of Scripture rests on the truthfulness of God
- ii. Even editorial comment (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4,5)

c. The Testimony of Jesus

- i. Jesus' self consciousness (John 5:39-46)
- ii. Jesus' response to Satan (Matthew 4:1-10)
- iii. The fulfilment of Scripture (Matthew 26:56; John 12:18)
- iv. Scripture cannot be broken (John 10:35)