

The biblical writers had no hesitation in saying they were God's spokesmen and that their message was to be treated as coming directly from His mouth! The declarations of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Zephaniah, Haggai, and Zechariah are all prefaced with, "*the word of the Lord came.*"

The New Testament writers were no less explicit concerning the source of their writings. In First Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul commended the people who accepted his message because they received it, "*not as a human word, but as what it really is, God's word.*"

The Apostle John began the Book of Revelation by saying that what he was about to write was the Word of God. In his final chapter of the same Book he assured his readers that his words were, "*trustworthy and true,*" as they were given to him by, "*the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets.*"