

**“The Foundations” – Part I  
Sola Scriptura  
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**Scriptures for 11/8/09**

- I. Psalm 11
  - A. The Bible as Our Foundation
    - 1. It Transforms
      - a. as God’s hammer (Jeremiah 23:29)
  
  
      - b. as a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12)  
(Isaiah 55:11)
    - 2. It Reforms (Psalm 119:57-59, 63)
      - a. Ever-reforming
  
  
      - b. How should we understand Scripture?
        - (1) supreme authority
  
  
        - (2) all truth necessary
  
  
        - (3) the perfect standard for spiritual truth
    - 3. It Conforms Us  
(2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

**Jer 23:29**

*"Is not My word like fire?" declares the LORD, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"*

**Heb 4:12**

*For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

**Isa 55:11**

*11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
It will not return to Me empty,  
Without accomplishing what I desire,  
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*

**Ps 119:57-59, 63**

*The LORD is my portion;  
I have promised to keep Your words.  
58 I sought Your favor with all my heart;  
Be gracious to me according to Your word.  
59 I considered my ways  
And turned my feet to Your testimonies...  
...63 I am a companion of all those who fear You,  
And of those who keep Your precepts.*

**2 Tim 3:16-17**

*16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

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***“If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved...” (Martin Luther)***

***“Scripture is therefore the perfect and only standard of spiritual truth, revealing infallibly all that we must believe in order to be saved, and all that we must do in order to glorify God.” (John McArthur)***

***“If the Bible is to get into us, we must get into it.” (Ray Lanning)***

***“The Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t.” (Vance Havner)***

***“To neglect the Word is to neglect the Lord, but those who read Scripture as a love-letter sent to you from God” shall experience its warming and transforming power.” (Thomas Watson)***