

Sunday, February 7, 2010—Final Authority: Locating God’s Word in English—The Place of Preservation Part Two

The Viewpoint of Faith

- Point 1 What is Inspiration: II Timothy 3:16—the Bible’s claim for itself is that every word of scripture was given by inspiration of God. God’s design in Inspiration was to make the living and the written word equal.
- Point 2 What is Preservation?: Psalm 12:6-7—the doctrine of preservation teaches that the vary words God inspired are the same words he is going to preserve. The doctrines of inspiration and preservation go hand in hand; you can’t have one without the other.
- Point 3 Why is Preservation Necessary?: Preservation is necessary because of the Satanic policy of evil to destroy the final authority of the Word of God. He does so by creating a competing authority to the truth of God. Thus forcing you to decide and become your own authority.
- Point 4 The Process of Preservation: The originals no long exist and are not the issue with God. God’s design is to preserve his word through a multiplicity of accurate reliable copies that carry as much weight and authority as the originals.
- Point 5 The People of Preservation: God always over saw the copying process of the word of God. He did so by establishing a group of men whose job it was to guard the word of God.
 - Time Past-Tribe of Levi.
 - Dispensation of Grace—New Testament Prophet
- Last week we began applying these doctrines to the textual and historical witness in an attempt to locate God’s word in English.
- Definition of Textual Criticism: this activity involves the study of manuscripts of the Bible, those written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, as well as ancient translations into other languages like Latin or Coptic. Its goal is to reconstruct the original text of the Bible from this vast wealth of information.
- As we try to locate God’s preserved word what should we be looking for? A multiplicity of accurate reliable copies.
- Review PowerPoint Slide *The Preserved Text*
- Review PowerPoint Slide *The Critical Text*

- In the end I demonstrated that there are really fundamentally only two Bibles. Those that are supported by the TR and those that are supported by the Critical Text of Westcott and Hort.
- This morning I want to begin by reestablishing this fundamental point from last week and then discussing the some of the serious doctrinal difference between Modern Version and the King James

Basic Textual Differences Continued

- John 5:3-4
- Acts 8:37—missing
- Acts 28:29—missing
- Romans 16:24—missing
- Galatians 3:1—“that ye should not obey the truth”
- Colossians 1:14—“through his blood”
- Revelation 1:8—“the beginning and the ending”
- Revelation 5:14—“him that liveth for ever and ever”

Serious Textual Differences

- II Samuel 21:19—“the brother of Goliath”
 - I Samuel 17:48-51—David killed Goliath
- Isaiah 14:12—“Lucifer”
 - I Corinthians 2:13—how does the Holy Spirit teach us? Comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Comparing scripture with scripture is the second principal of Bible study.
 - Revelation 22:16—Jesus Christ is the morning star. Since when did he fall from heaven?
- Matthew 5:22—leaves out the phrase “without a cause.”
 - Mark 3:5—Jesus gets angry. By leaving out the phrase “without a cause,” in Matthew 5:22 modern versions have Jesus Christ condemning himself out of his own mouth.

- Mark 1:1-2—“as it is written the prophets” is changed to “it is written in Isaiah the prophet”
 - Malachi 3:1—is quoted in verse two
 - Isaiah 40:3—is quoted in verse three
 - In this case modern versions have a mistake in them which they acknowledge in their own footnotes. How many mistakes does it take for something to not be perfect anymore? One. Remember God’s word reflects God’s character.
- Luke 2:33—“the child’s father a mother” in modern versions. Is the virgin birth of Christ one of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith?
 - New Living Translation did not get this reading from the so called best MSS. They are not even consistent in the application of their textual theories
- John 1:18—New American Standard reads “the only begotten God” the same as does The Jerusalem Translation of the Jehovah Witnesses.

Modern Versions Obscure Dispensational Truth

- If modern versions are supposed to make the Bible easier to understand, why don’t more believers know how to rightly divide the word of truth?
- II Timothy 2:15—“rightly dividing” is replaced with “accurately handling”
 - *Orthotomeō*—the Greek word translated rightly dividing means to cut straight.
- Galatians 2:7—Peter and Paul were not preaching the same gospel.
- Ephesians 3:6—the Body of Christ is not heirs together with Israel as the NIV and other modern versions teach.
- Romans 16:25-26—the mystery was not revealed in the prophetic writings as the NIV and other modern versions insinuate.

First Principles and the Bible Issue

- First principles are the foundation of knowledge. Without them nothing could be known. First principles undeniably apply to reality. The very denial that first principles apply to reality used first principles in the denial.
- The Principle of Noncontradiction: Being Is Not Nonbeing. Being cannot be nonbeing, for they are direct opposites. And opposites cannot be the same.
- The Principle of Excluded Middle: Either Being or Nonbeing. Since being and nonbeing are opposites (i.e. contradictory), and opposites cannot be the same, nothing can hide in the cracks between being and nonbeing.

- Illustration using the shirts. How many differences do these shirts need to have before they are not the same? One.
- How many differences do we need to demonstrate in English Bibles before we can conclude that they are not the same? One.
- How many mistakes do we need to demonstrate in a so called Bible before we conclude that it is not inerrant? One. Can we rightly call a Bible with a mistake in it the word of God? No.
- Because of the laws of logic it height of lunacy to argue, as many do, that all of these Bibles are the word of God. They cannot all be God's word because they teach opposites and opposites cannot be the same.
- What are the options?
 - One is right and all others that disagree are wrong
 - Or they are all wrong.
- The viewpoint of faith will not allow us to conclude that they are all wrong because God promised to preserve his word from this generation forever.
- So then how do we know that the King James Bible is correct and modern versions are false? The King James Bible is a literal word for word translation of the Preserved Text.
 - God inspired every word of Scripture.
 - God promised to preserve for all eternity the same words he inspired.
 - God so fit to preserve his word through a multiplicity of accurate reliable copies that are just as authoritative as the originals.
 - The multiplicity of accurate reliable copies are witnessed in the reading of the Textus Receptus.
 - In accordance with God's emphasis on the words and not the thoughts or the ideas. The King James translators made a faithful and literal word for word translation of the Preserved Text into English.
- We believe that the entire Bible is verbally inspired of God and is of plenary authority (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21) and that God has providentially preserved His completed Word for us today (Psalms 12:6-7, Colossians 1:25, Isaiah 40:8). We believe that the Word of God exists in its preserved form in what is commonly called the Textus Receptus (Received Text) and that the King James Version (KJV) is the best English translation of the Received Text available today. We believe the KJV to be without error and disapprove of all attempts to "correct" the text of the KJV with manuscript evidence or supposed understanding of original languages.

Concluding Remarks

- The influx of modern versions have not made the Body of Christ any stronger if anything believers are more lazy now than they ever been. Our fast food, instant

gratification society has produced a generation of believers who don't know how to study the Bible for themselves.

- Those who object to using the King James because of its use of “thee” and “thou” don't understand that Old English is more accurate than modern English.
 - John 3:7—ye is plural there is no equivalent in modern English.
- The bottom line is this; every believer needs to have a final authority. If don't like what we have concluded here, that the King James Bible is God's word for English speaking people, then you need to choose a different authority. But you need to have a court of last appeal.
- Everything I have ever learned about God's Word has come from a King James and long as I am the Pastor at this assembly the King James Bible is the authority.
- I Thessalonians 2:13—we need to let God's word work effectually in us who believe.
- Announcement about printing *The Argument for Inerrancy and the King James Bible*