

WHY THE KING JAMES BIBLE PT. 2

THE DOCTRINE OF BIBLE PRESERVATION

*"It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word of God."*

~ Luke 4:4

1. God Promised Preservation

- a. Where is it? 1) Originals? 2) Original languages? 3) Minds of men? 4) Absent?
- b. The issue is Bible preservation: the words of God in hand through history for use today
- c. Preservation – God's words through history - Ps 12:6-7, 1Pet 1:25, Matt 5:18
 - i. The right *heart* is necessary before you get the right Bible or the Bible right
 - ii. If we are to make all men see we need words – 2 Pet 1:19, Eph 3:3-4
- d. Revelation, Inspiration, Illumination, Utilization, Canonization, Preservation, Identification
- e. Identifying a single Bible is where we end up from God preserving words

2. Wrong Ideas About Preservation

- a. *"The Bible cannot be preserved through translation"*
 - i. BUT translation is not a problem for preservation - Act 22:1-2, Exo 5:1, Mt1:23
 - ii. The form of the words are the issue, words can be translated - 2 Ti 1:13
 - iii. *"What about other languages?"* – Translate the preserved words for them!
- b. *"All Bibles and versions are good enough; the doctrines matter, not the precise words"*
 - i. BUT having preserved doctrines requires having specific words
 - ii. God cared about the words ("write it") – Deu 11:18-20; 30:10-14; Isa 30:8
 - iii. Doctrinal changes by words 1Cor 1:18, 1Tim 3:16, Rom 1:16, Gal 2:7, Ro 8:1, 2Cor 2:17, 2Tim 2:15; Mk 1:1-2, Luke 2:33, 22:43-44, 23:34, Mk 16, John 8
 - iv. What about Luke 2:14, 2:22, John 8:1-12, 8:28, 38,
 - v. Dispensation, study, "rightly dividing", Mt 23:14, and 1 John 5:7 are gone!
- c. *"Preservation is in the existing manuscripts, somewhere"* – providential reconstruction
 - i. BUT this is useless preservation, it is a broken puzzle w/o a cover
 - ii. Not all manuscripts have been dug up, how do we decide which is right?
 - iii. Jesus said his words would not pass away, but... Matt 24:35 vs. Matt 18:11
- d. *"Preservation has occurred in the oldest, best, newest, <insert favorite here>"*
 - i. Novelty and favoritism are unacceptable. Cherry picking is not preservation.
 - ii. If it's not preserved through historical use, then it is not preserved
- e. Getting the doctrine of preservation right leads us in English to the King James Bible

3. One Bible for Members of One Body

- a. The King James Version first received this name popularly in the 1800s
- b. Two confusing things: 1) Why identifying the Bible to believe is attacked?
 - i. 2) Why men want unity without one Bible? (Eph 4:3-6)
- c. 'Communion' is removed from ESV, NIV, NASB in 1 Cor 10:16, does it matter?
- d. Having a common Bible is not a trivial issue, nor is it divisive; above all it will unite!
- e. Multiple Bibles does not make the Bible clearer, it dilutes and questions its authority
- f. Christians are people of a book, we are a *Bible* fellowship, one Bible is a starting point
- g. The starting (and ending) point for the Christian is Christ, for the church it is the Bible
- h. Dispensational right division will not progress without God's preserved words in hand
- i. God is perfect, his words are pure, to make the man of God perfect
- j. Why the King James Bible? It is the perfectly preserved words of God in English

Important Doctrines about the Bible

1. Revelation – God has spoken – Heb 1:1, Eze 1:3, 2 Cor 12:1, Acts 1:16, Ps 119:89
2. Inspiration – God’s words in writing – Exo 17:14, Jer 36:2, 2 Pet 1:21, 2 Tim 3:16
3. Illumination – God’s words understood – 2 Tim 2:7, 3:15; Eph 1:18, Luke 24:45
4. Utilization – God’s words must be used – Lk 4:4, Rom 10:17, 2 Tim 2:15, Rom 15:4
5. Canonization – God’s words completely compiled – Lk 24:44, 2Pet 3:16, Mt 23:35, Col 1:25
6. Preservation – God’s words through history - 1 Pet 1:25, Ps 12:6-7, Mat 24:35
7. Identification – God’s words in your hand and heart – Rom 3:4, 1 Thess 2:13