Hopewell Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 4

The Word of God

The King James Bible- God's Perfectly Preserved Word

Many today doubt whether or not we have a perfectly preserved Bible. Most refuse to accept that one "version" of the Bible in the English-speaking language is without error so therefore; all we have is what is best of what we have from which to choose. If there is no perfect Bible, what then is our FINAL AUTHORITY? This really is the question at hand, not if we have a perfect Bible. Here are some thoughts to enlighten the truth to our eyes.

1) There is a FINAL AUTHORITY to which all can use, not just one or some.

Matt 7:28-29

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. 22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

It is clear that the FINAL AUTHORITY in our lives should be Jesus. What do some choose as their final authority?

A. One's mind- HUMANISM

B. Another's mind as an individual or a collective group- RELIGION or CULT

C. One's experiences or feelings- CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

D. A single written authority which anyone can have- A PRESERVED BIBLE

If the BIBLE can be a true source of one's FINAL AUTHORITY, it must be accessible and accurate. Therefore, we must know which English Bible is our final authority and why! If we cannot find it, we are destined to choose one of the other three choices for our final authority.

2) The most important thing about God is His Word.

Ps 138:2

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

The Bible says that the Word of God is more important than the name Jesus Christ, which is the name above every name. This means that the Word of God is more important than any name, God's, mine, or anybody else's!

3) When God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, He wrote it so people would follow the written Word not just the spoken Word that only came to Moses.

Ex 24:12

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

God gave us the "written Word" so that we may use them to teach others.

4) An every Word of God does exist!

Matt 4:4

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Luke 4:4

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

What is the Word that proceeded out of the mouth of God? It is two things: the spoken Word and the Word that God inspired man to write. If we cannot live without every Word of God, and we were not there to hear the Word spoken nor have we ever heard God speak audibly, it must be PRIMARILY about the written Word of God.

5) God has preserved His Word from the time it was originally written for every generation following. *Ps* 12:6-7

6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

If the Bible is true, somewhere in this generation is a copy of this EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE. This means that I can have the written Word of God as my final authority because it does exist.

6) This Word of God must be completely true without error, heresy, or false statements. *Prov* 30:5-6

5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

All Scripture is profitable because it is all true and right and pure and sure and faithful and righteous altogether. The Bible that we pick as our final authority cannot have any error, heresy, or false statements contained in it if it is an EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE.

7) There should be neither additions nor deletions in it.

Deut 4:2

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Prov 30:5-6

5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Rev 22:18-19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

If the Bible we choose is an EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE, it must match up exactly with the Word of God in Heaven. Since that Bible is settled forever, ours must match up with it. We cannot use the criteria that it needs to match up with the "original manuscripts" because they have not endured forever and they cannot be found because they no longer exist. The only criteria that we can use on the earth are other Bibles from other languages that match up with the copy in Heaven. We cannot use "bibles" that do not match up with the one in Heaven as a basis for what we should have.

8) The manuscripts from which we have been given our Bible must likewise be an EVERY WORD OF GOD.

The authorized King James Bible is the only modern English Bible that was translated from the Textus Receptus manuscripts. The other manuscripts are wrong or have many deletions in them, thus explaining why the modern versions delete entire verses, passages, and even parts of verses. If a faulty manuscript was used in the translation, it is IM-POSSIBLE to have an EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE.

9) The every Word of God must not contradict itself within itself.

1 Cor 2:13

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Comparing the Bible with the Bible is a Scriptural practice in determining what God said to be truth. It cannot contradict itself if it is the EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE.

10) This every Word of God must not be bound.

2 Tim 2:9

9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

For a person or group of people to "copyright" the EVERY WORD OF GOD is to make the Word of God "bound." The King James Bible is the only modern English Bible that is "free" to be used as a Christian wishes and as the Holy Spirit of God prompts. All "bibles" that are copy written are not GOD'S WORD!!!

11) Holy men needed to be used in the writing of this EVERY WORD OF GOD.

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

In order for God to be consistent and He is, the writers of our Bible must likewise be "holy men." Also, the writers of the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts must be "holy men." Many modern versions use men and women who are not holy in the translating of the "bible" thus nullifying it altogether as an EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE. Origin was used in the Greek manuscripts that the modern versions use and he was an unsaved man who claimed to have not even believed many parts of the Bible. Anyone can research this based on Origin's other writings. And, a known lesbian was used in the writing of the NIV. Most if not all of the other English versions, excluding the KJV, used men and women who do not even believe God's simple plan of salvation nor do they believe in eternal security. God would only use "holy men" if the Scripture is true.

12) This EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE needs to have been proven to work and needs to have been accepted by great men of the faith.

Jer 5:5

5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

Matt 7:20

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

The King James Bible meets this criterion while all the other versions get updated and are not around long enough to even see any noticeable fruit. If it is better than the "Ole King James," why does it need to be continually updated and improved???

13) If the "Word of God" is truly Jesus, to change the Bible is in effect to change Jesus.

John 1:1**-**4

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Scripture says the Word of God was in the beginning and the Word of God is a "He." Then, that Word became flesh, which is Jesus. To change the ingredients is to change the product. Jesus is the complete manifestation of the Word of God. Do not mess with it.

14) The Word of God is what is needed to save man.

1 Peter 1:23

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. Without a Word of God, nobody could be "born again." Jesus is the "incorruptible seed." Jesus saves and it is

the Bible that tells us so! It is completely obvious that we need a perfect Bible to tell us God's correct plan of salvation.

15) Jesus claimed that the "written Word" is truth.

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Again, if this is only in reference to the spoken Word, we are all in trouble.

16) Satan has always tried to put doubt in the heart of man concerning the Word of God and he has always been the one behind the changing of the Word of God.

Gen 3:1-5

3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The devil is behind the changing of the Word of God. He is subtle and only changes it a little at a time because he does not want us to see him for who he really is.

2 Cor 11:13-15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall

be according to their works.

2 Cor 2:11

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

17) To have more than one English Bible all claiming to be the Word of God and all being different from each other, is confusing and God is not the AUTHOR OF CONFUSSION.

1 Cor 14:33

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

18) If we have a hard time understanding the Bible, God told us to STUDY, not change the Bible so that it is easier to understand.

2 Tim 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

19) The premise of making the Bible "easier to understand" is not the answer to having an EVERY WORD OF GOD BIBLE.

Isa 55:8-9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

We should go UP to God not bring God DOWN to us.

20) The written Word of God is MORE SURE than the spoken Word of God.

2 *Éeter* 1:17-21

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Again, this is true because generally God does not speak audibly because the Word of God has been completed. And, even if He were to speak audibly, we, who have not HEARD the WORD OF GOD, would have to trust those who have supposedly heard the Word of God. It is "more sure" to be able to see it written down than to trust another's memory and accuracy.

21) God would not tell us to "preach the Word" if we do not HAVE the Word.

2 Ťim 4:2

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

22) The modern versions were founded upon a lie and the devil is the father of lies. *John 8:44*

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

The "lie" is simply this; the modern versions have only changed the words that are outdated and replaced them with more modern words. They clearly have changed words that are modern and easy enough to understand and MANY times they have simply erased the Bible. They are all LIARS if they have claimed to <u>only</u> make it in a modern language and easier to understand!

CONCLUSION

Gets the facts and use the facts to make the right decision. The truth is out there! Find it and obey it and you will be free from error and heresy!

Matt 22:29

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

John 8:32

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.