Lesson Four

THE DOCTRINE OF PRESERVATION OF SCRIPTURE

1. PRESERVATION OF SCRIPTURE DEFINED:

The Bible Truth that, irregardless of languages, “manuscripts”, or translations… God has promised to “preserve”, to maintain His Holy Word, pure and perfect, unto all generations, and has done it.

1. It thus becomes a matter of FAITH, (believing God). Either God has preserved His Word or He hasn’t.
2. If God has not preserved His Word, has it been lost? All of it? Part of it?
3. Then… who… among mankind becomes the determiner of whether God has Preserved His Word?
4. Then… Where is His Word? Having the faith of a child that God has preserved His Word as He said He would do, where is it?
5. Could different “versions” of the Bible that have differences all be the preserved Word? Obvious answer would be NO.

Just as two family wills “that differ” could not both rule, two or more “wills” of God cannot be both, an authority.

1. No sports team would allow two different “rule books” to rule the game.
2. SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ON PRESERVATION

 Psalms 12:6, 7- “The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.”

Psalms 33:11- “The counsel of the LORD standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations”

Psalms 100:5- “For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

John 17:17- “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

Psalms 111:7, 8- “The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.”

Psalms 117:2- “For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth forever. Praise ye the LORD.”

Psalms 119:89- “Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”

Psalms 119:160- “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.”

Isaiah 40:8- “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”

Isaiah 59:21-“As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever.”

Matt. 5:18-“ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

Matt. 24:35-“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

I Peter 1:23-“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.”

I Peter 1:25-“But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

Rev. 22:18-19-“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: 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.”

1. WHY IS THE DOCTRINE OF PRESERVATION CRITICAL TO FAITH AND PRACTICE?
2. Because if God has not preserved His Word as He said He would, God would be a liar, and thus not God at all.
3. This is the eventual and ultimate honest conclusion.
4. If there is no “preserved Word of God”, then we could not know for sure if we have the Word of God.
5. If there is no preserved Word of God, we have no God-ordained authority for faith, practice, right or wrong.
6. The denial of “preservation” is an attack upon God himself by mankind.
7. The denial of preservation replaces God and His Word as the final authority, with man as the final authority.
8. THE SATANIC ATTACK ON PRESERVATION.
9. Satan has from Genesis 3:1 attacked the Word of God; “Yea, hath God said.”
10. Satan cast doubt upon God’s Word.
11. Satan then out right denied the Word. Gen. 3:4
12. Eve then added to God’s Word, see (Gen. 2:16-17) vs. Gen. 3:2,3
13. Satan’s attack comes mostly now through “theological scholarship”. Those who claim because of some college degree that they are the supreme “deciders” of the veracity (truth) of the Bible.
14. Satan knows that we are saved by faith, and live by faith; that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.
15. Thus, if Satan can corrupt God’s Word, he can corrupt faith, then damn our souls to Hell.
16. THE ISSUE OF “ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS” AND “ORIGINAL LANGUAGES”
17. There are no known original manuscripts. Period. If someone starts talking about “the original manuscripts”, as a source of superior authority of Scriptures, they are lying, or ignorant.
18. There are Copies of Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) Scripture.
19. The AV-KJB comes from the Textus- Receptus or Antioch manuscripts.
20. All other versions come from Alexandrian or Vaticanus (Egyptian) manuscripts.
* There are false and corrupted manuscripts.
1. Important!
* The Hebrew or Greek texts, manuscripts, and/or languages have nothing, zero, to do with God Preserving His Word.
1. You never have to go back to a Hebrew or Greek text, or know Hebrew or Greek, or Arabic languages… to know and believe that the AV-KJB is in fact, the Inspired, Infallible, Preserved Word of God.
2. Nor does anyone need the Hebrew, Greek, languages and manuscripts to know the Word and will of God; how to be saved and every other Bible Truth.
3. The deniers of the AV-KJB as being the Preserved Word of God are guilty of the “deeds” and “doctrine” of NICOLAITANES in Rev. 2:6. And Rev. 2:15. The Word NICOLAITANES means (and you don’t need Greek to know this) to “conquer the laity.” This is done by convincing the “common” people (laity), that they could not know what the Bible says or means without the “NICO’S”, the (Theologians, Scholars)telling them. Modern day NICOLAITANES are those who say things like, “A better translation would have been”; or “the Hebrew (or Greek) here really means …” They hide the Bible, cast doubt on the Bible, control people’s faith, set themselves up as “God” , and God says HE HATES IT!!!
4. The Basis for Preservation is not “original languages or manuscripts”! The Basis is God!
5. Serious Problems:
6. These “NICO’S” argue over which Hebrew or Greek manuscripts is the right one.
7. These “NICO’S” then argue and disagree about the definition and meaning of Hebrew and Greek words.
8. Have you ever heard any Gospel preacher, Bible professor, or theologian preach an entire message using only and exclusively the Hebrew and Greek language?
9. If you were to hear one, could you get anything out of it?
10. If the original languages are so critical, why don’t they preach using it?
11. THE ISSUE OF THE A.V.- KJV BIBLE
12. The AV-KJB is the preserved Word of God.
13. If it is not, then where is the preserved Word of God?
14. It is the Bible God has used in the world to evangelize and edify the church.
15. It does not need anyone’s corrections, criticism, or corrupting. It only needs to be read, believed, practiced, and preached.
16. All other versions take away words and add words. See Rev. 22:19.
17. All other versions take away, attack, or weaken major doctrines of the Bible.
18. All versions say different things and disagree with one another. They cannot all be the Preserved Word of God. Only one can be. Which one is it?
19. Did not the Bible warn us of “NICO’S”, and false teachers, wolves in sheep’s clothing?
20. CAN A PERSON BE SAVED WITHOUT AN AV-KJB?
21. Sure! You can witness to a person without a Bible in your possession, giving them the Gospel of Jesus Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection, His substitutionary and sacrificial death and shed blood, how He died in their place, for their sin. They can believe and be saved.
22. But, God … has given us His written Word as the foundation and source of that Gospel truth, and our testimony has to be align with His Word.
23. I Peter 1:23-25 includes a serious truth that there is “corruptible seed” as opposed to “incorruptible” seed, the Word of God.
24. We must be sure that our testimony of the Gospel is anchored and based upon incorruptible seed, the Word of God.
* Could this be the reason there are so many false and fruitless “converts” today?
1. CAUTIONS:
2. There are those who claim to believe in “preservation of Scripture”, but won’t say where it is, or which Bible it is. This position is cowardly deception.
3. Most Christian colleges, organizations, and churches may say they believe in the Inspiration of Scripture, but are silent on Preservation, and which Bible is preserved; if it is.
4. You must decide, you cannot be neutral. Either you believe God kept his Word and preserved it, or you don’t.
5. If you believe it is preserved as He said, then which Bible, where is it preserved?
6. “Let God be true, and every man a liar.” Romans 3:4