

# THE BOOK, THE BLOOD & THE BLESSED HOPE

**TEXT:** *Proverbs 22:28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.*

**INTRO.:** A. In our visitors packets we advertise that we believe in "**THE BOOK, THE BLOOD & THE BLESSED HOPE.**" These are foundational doctrines or landmark beliefs. All true Bible-believers have these doctrines as their bedrock, foundational beliefs. I dare say that you cannot be a Bible believer without a correct position on these 3 key issues.

B. Every once in a while I just need to reaffirm where I stand & where our church stands on these & other key doctrines. It is exciting to review our position & to re-examine our doctrine. We just need to drag out our banner & wave & cheer & clap & shout over what we believe God wants us to believe. I do so tonight w/out apology & I do so with genuine enthusiasm.

**ILLUS.:** Just like a grandparent or parent who drags out pictures of their children or grandchildren at the slightest opportunity and brags on them, we as believers ought never to grow weary on dragging out our beliefs & bragging on them!

**TRANS.:** The bedrock belief, immovable landmark, and foundational belief of all is of necessity, "**THE BLESSED BOOK**" - God's Holy, infallible Word...

## I. THE BLESSED BOOK: (There is only ONE!)

**NOTE:** Before getting into the doctrine itself, let's look at some interesting things about the Book...

### THE BOOK

**(THE BIBLE IS THE BOOK!)**

66 books - 1189 chapters - 31,702 verses

777,693 words - 3,566,480 letters

Longest Ch. = Ps.119 w/176 verses (176 = 16 X 11!) Subject: God's Word!

Shortest Ch. = Ps.117 Middle verse = Ps.118:8 (Middle words: "The Lord!")

The Bible = the first book printed on a printing press.

Longest Verse: Esther 8:9 Shortest Verse: Jn.11:35

The First Written Words Of God Were The Ten Commandments  
(and God wrote them w/His own finger!)

### STEP #1: REVELATION & INSPIRATION

GOD SPOKE HIS WORDS: Ex.20: 1-17

### STEP #2: INSCRIPTURATION

MOSES WROTE GOD'S WORDS: Ex.24:4

### STEP #3: PROCLAMATION

MOSES READ GOD'S WORDS: Ex.24:7

### STEP #4: EXHORTATION, ILLUMINATION

THE PEOPLE USED THE COPIES OF GOD'S WORDS

(The "Original" was kept in the Ark of the Covenant)

### THE BOOK...

"Scripture..."

"Scripture(s)" never refer to the "originals"!

2 Tim.3:15,16; Lk.4:16-21; Acts 8:26-35; Mt.22:29

"Scripture" speaks & is alive (Heb.4:12)

Rom.4:3; 9:17; 10:11, etc.

"Scripture" convicts, converts, convinces

Lk.24:27,32,45; Jn.5:39

"Scripture" focuses on Christ

Acts 18:34; Jn.5:39; 2 Tim.3:15

A. Inspired: (God'S breath, spirit, life)

1. We have already established that the Scriptures are not only "inspired" in the "originals" thus God continues to "breathe" - He is alive & so is His Word!
2. God promised to preserve His "inspired" Word(s) & inspiration is redundant w/out preservation of those inspired Words!

**ILLUS.:** Some questions for the critics of the KJV:

- 1) Since you are smart enough to find the "errors" in the KJV, why haven't you corrected them all by now & given us a perfect Bible?!
- 2) Do you have a perfect Bible? (if not, why not & what is not perfect in the one you have?!)
- 3) How come Jesus, Peter, Paul, etc. never said: "a better translation would be..." or "in the original it says..."?!
- 4) Since you don't have a perfect Bible, why do you call it "God's Word"?
- 5) The Holy Spirit is surely the greatest Teacher, so who taught you the KJV was not the infallible Word? (Which means that for 100's of years no one have the infallible Word of God!)
- 6) There is one true God & many false gods, one true church & many false churches, why would you not believe there is one true Bible & many perversions?!
- 7) Why would God inspire His Words & then lose them & why would He lie & tell us He would preserve them, when He didn't?!
- 8) You use the term "Greek text" when you know there are many "Greek texts" - isn't this lying?!
- 9) Millions were saved from 1611 to 1881 (when the perversions began), did God bless a faulty translation of His Words? How come revival seems to be a thing of the past & many fewer are being saved today w/the newer & "better translations."

3. In **2 Tim.3:15, 16**, there are 2 mentions of "**Scripture**"; since Timothy & his mother/grandmother did not have the "originals" obviously the "**all Scripture**" in v.16 is NOT the "original" either, making a copy or a translation INSPIRED! (Or are there 2 different "**scriptures**"?)

B. Indefectible (Without Defect)

1. The word indefectible not only means not liable to defect but also not capable of decay. (Jesus said: "**Heaven & earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**" **Mk.13:31**)
2. Everything on earth will defect, decay, deteriorate & ultimately die; the only exception is God's Word(s).

C. Infallible: (Innerant)

1. Infallibility is not the same as indefectibility; infallibility means that the Bible is not only w/out defect & cannot decay, it is also innerant.
2. Innerancy deals w/absolute perfection in every area the Bible speaks about. (*You can't have an innerant, or infallible Bible without inspiration! God doesn't produce "almost perfect" things.*)

**ILLUS.:** The dictionary's entry on "infallibility" has to do w/the Pope of Rome & it says that infallibility was conferred upon the Pope in 1870 by a bunch of fallible, sinful human beings! Thank God the Word of God is inherently infallible & has always been so because it emanates from an infallible God!

The dictionary's entry on "infallible" says "*not capable of error, never wrong...dependable & reliable, cannot deceive or err!*"  
AMEN!

D. Inscripturated: (Written)

1. The word "scripture" is "graphe" & refers to a document, i.e., God's Word(s) in written form.
2. "Graphe" is the word from which we get the word "graphite" the materials used in pencils, writing instruments.
3. The O.T. word is "ketab" which means to write or to inscribe.

**ILLUS.:** The Bible critics speak of the non-existent "originals" or the "**Word of God**" which can be found only in heaven. But the word "scripture" teaches us that "WE HAVE IT IN WRITING!" The issue then becomes Where is it?! Can I get a copy?

Is it only to be found in the ancient Hebrew or Greek languages? Do you or anyone you know speak these ancient languages? Have you or anyone you know seen the originals? An objection is raised that if the KJV is the only "inspired" preserved Bible, what about the translations in other languages? As long as those versions are translated accurately from the Traditional Texts, there is no problem. But God never promised to preserve His Word(s) in more than one language at a time, e.g., in the O.T. He used only Hebrew & in the N.T. only Greek. Perhaps today English is His chosen language.

In the Feb.-Mar. edition of Civilization magazine, David Crystal writes, "If present trends continue, four of the world's languages will die between the publication of this issue...& the next. Eighteen more will be gone by the end of 1997. A century from now, 1/2 of the world's 6000 or more languages may be extinct."

In the World Book Encyclopedia it is interesting that in tracing the development of the English language 3 periods are marked: from 500 to about 1100 is called **Old English**; from 1100 to 1485 is called **Middle English** and from 1485 to the present is

known as **Modern English**. The article continues: "Beginning in the 1600's, the language spread throughout the world as the English explored & colonized Africa, Australia, India & North America." God was not taken by surprise. He had His Word ready for the new language of the modern world. English is even taught in some backward, 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. God has His Word ready for them!

E. Indestructible: (Preserved)

**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. **KJV****

**Ps.12:6-7**

**6 And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.**

**7 O LORD, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever. **NIV****

**Ps.12:6-7**

**6 The Lord's promise is sure. He speaks no careless word; all he says is purest truth, like silver seven times refined.**

**7 O Lord, we know that you will forever preserve your own from the reach of evil men, **TLB****

**ILLUS.:** Let's use a Bible illustration. (**Jer.36**) Jehudi had cut up the Word of God & burned it. In **v.27** God renewed His revelation to Jeremiah & God commanded him to rewrite (inscripturate) His Words the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. And to add insult to injury, not only does Jeremiah have his scribe, Baruch, rewrite God's Words, but God gave additional revelation besides. (**v.32**) Talk about preservation!

Read p. 2,3 from [Fighting Back](#), by James Melton.

Read p.16, IBID.

1. In the O.T. God used the priests & scribes to preserve His Word(s), primarily a group of them called the Masoretes, thus the Masoretic Text.
2. In the N.T. God used the believer-priests in the church to preserve His His Word(s).
3. Today He continues to use believer-priests to do this important work. **YOU!**

**CONCL.:** Here is my creed concerning God's Word:

***I BELIEVE THE KING JAMES BIBLE (AV1611) IS THE INSPIRED, INNERANT, INFALLIBLE, INDESTRUCTIBLE, INDEFECTIBLE AND PRESERVED WORD AND WORDS OF THE LIVING GOD."***

***What is YOUR creed concerning God's Word and words? Or don't you have either?!***