

February 25, 2008

History & Heritage of the Bible

Monday Night—Session Two



DIRECTION: EXAMINING GOD’S HAND IN HISTORY

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16

Inspiration is the mechanism God used to get his word to us without corruption.

Inspiration and “The Original Writings”

- A. When God's finger touched the tables of stone to write the Ten Commandments
- B. When God's finger touched the plaster-wall of Belshazzar's palace to deliver a sentence of doom
- C. When Jesus Christ stooped down to write in the dust after they brought him the woman taken in adultery

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God **spoke** as they were **moved by the Holy Ghost**.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is **given by inspiration** of God,

Defn.: *Scripture* is the written preservation of verbal communication from God by making it visible in writing; *scripture* is what was written, and then recognized as authoritative.

What Is Your Compass For?

Revelation—God manifesting himself

Inspiration—the manifestation that came down in words

Inscription—those words are recorded in writing

Transmission—that writing is copied for others

Preservation—those copies are providentially protected

Translation—preserved copies are brought into your language

Illumination—the Spirit gives you understanding of that translation

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Isaiah 43:1-2 Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, ... I will be with thee; ... when thou walkest through the fire,

Thesis:

The Reformation led to the discovery of biblical preservation, so that God’s revelation could go through translation and give a new generation God’s inspiration!

The Ideology of Our Theology

- I. There are two seeds that are outwardly similar, but they produce different fruits and results

Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

TWO SEEDS

GOD’S WORD SAYS

Salvation is by atonement
 It is based on divine mercy
 You need a new heart
 Get new life
 It is all done
 Envelop in Christ’s character
 God worked his way to you

MAN’S WAY SAYS

Salvation is by attainment
 It is based on human merit
 You only need a new start
 Turn over a new leaf
 You have to do
 Develop a better character
 You work your way to God





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The Ideology of Our Theology

2. Because there are two seeds, they produced two different texts:
Received and Eclectic

TWO GREEK TEXTS

<p>THE TRADITIONAL RECEIVED TEXT City: <i>Antioch</i> in Syria A Majority of Texts 95+% of all existing MSS Located in the Byzantine Church Written by Great Apostles Unintentional Scribal Errors Printed in the Reformation Based on Believers Assumptions A Providentially Preserved Text</p>	<p>THE MODERN ECLECTIC TEXT City: <i>Alexandria</i> in Egypt A Minority of Texts <5% of all existing MSS Lost by the Western Church Revised by Gnostic Apostates Intentional Heretical Corruptions Presented in the 1880s Based on Unbelieving Approach A Lately Discovered Text</p>
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3. Because there are two texts, it resulted in two lines of Bibles:
Reformed and Revised

TWO LINES OF BIBLES

<p>REFORMED Masoretic Hebrew OT Text God-Preserved Apostolic Texts Erasmus-Staphanus-Beza- Elzevir Brothers NT Greek <i>Received Text</i> Handed Down through History Apocrypha Treated as Information Literal Translation Settled and Certain Readings KJV/Reina-Valera</p>	<p>REVISED OT corrected by the Greek LXX Man-Made Altered Texts Westcott & Hort-Nestle & Aland- Metzger & United Bible Societies Modern NT Greek <i>Eclectic Text</i> Recently Discovered Apocrypha Treated as Inspired "Essentially" Literal to Paraphrased Uncertain & Changing Readings NIV, etc.</p>
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In times like these, you need a Savior
 In times like these you need an anchor
 Be very sure, be very sure
 Your anchor holds and grips the Solid
 Rock

In times like these you need the Bible
 In times like these O be not idle
 Be very sure, be very sure
 Your anchor holds and grips the Solid
 Rock

In times like these, I have a Savior
 In times like these, I have an anchor
 I'm very sure, I'm very sure
 My anchor holds and grips the Solid
 Rock

*This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the one
 This Rock is Jesus, the only One
 Be very sure, be very sure
 Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock*

—Ruth Caye Jones (Mother Jones), 1944

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History and Heritage of the Bible

- Sunday, Feb 24 Connection: Establishing a Spiritual Mindset, *1 Sam 3:1-10*
- Monday, Feb 25 Direction: Examining God’s Hand in History, *2 Peter 1:21*
- Tuesday, Feb 26 Perfection: The Evidence and the Alternatives, *1 Sam 14:24-30*
- Wednesday, Feb 27 Conclusion: Dr. Jeff Adams