



# BIBLE WORD STUDY

But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward and be broken, and snared, and taken. (Isaiah 28:13).

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THE GREEK ORIGINAL (continued)

## INSPIRATION AND PRESERVATION

The problem with the existing definitions of inspiration and preservation of Scripture is that we have not allowed the Bible to speak for itself on these matters. We inserted our logic and reason into the definitions and perverted them. **All scripture is given by inspiration... (2 Timothy 3:16).** If it is scripture, *it is given (not "was given") by inspiration.* It has the life of God in it and is the life of God. God does not *preserve* His word in the sense of putting it in one language or on a shelf as we would a jar of pickles. Every person saved by the preaching of a King James Bible must recognize that God used the English language in his conversion just as much as He used the Hebrew language in the conversion of Paul. In other words, the guarantee of inspiration and preservation is not exclusively in the language God used at one time, but in the unchanging God of languages.

**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. (Psalm 12:6-7).**

It is certainly a puzzle to hear a scholar argue that the koine (common) Greek language is a "dead" language (no longer used or spoken) and then attempt to prove it is the word of life. Yet, preservation of scripture is believed by many to be the preservation of a dead body of language no longer used by anybody. God deliver us from such morbid theology! To these people, inspiration had to do with the original writing only and preservation has to do with arguments over Greek manuscripts (none of which they are absolutely certain of) once the inspiration was concluded.

In contrast, our Bibliology is quite simple: if it is scripture, it is inspired (God breathed) and that inspiration continues in full force regardless of the language in which God has worked to put it (preservation). Inspiration and preservation go

hand in hand and one is not present without the other. Inspiration guarantees the infallibility and inerrancy of God's words; these words of God are living (eternal) and just as immortal as God Himself, and therefore, must continue (preservation). When God speaks, His words never are partial, spoken and then pass away, lost, forgotten, or temporal. If He is God, His words must express and bear all the attributes and the very nature of God. God's Bible does an effectual work in the hearts of His people and its words are never brought into question but are loved and cherished. Therefore, when we refer to "the Bible" we are talking about the Book in our language and in our hand, the KJB—the words of God given to us.

We should also mention that the Bible records the devil speaking, men speaking, and God speaking. When the devil or men speak it may be true in a certain case; it may be a partial truth; it may be a lie. Of course God is true and the Truth. The Bible is an inerrant and infallible *record*. Inspiration and preservation have to do with accurate recording and preservation, they do not naively guarantee every statement in the Bible to be true. Context is always plain in such cases for identification of the devil's or man's speech. (*Continued*)

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