

WHICH BIBLE BELONGS TO GOD? TO TELL THE TRUTH

Note: This message was preached by Mel Brown, July 18, 1976 in the evening service at the Grace Baptist Church in Pensacola, FL. (a 2 hour sermon) At the beginning of my ministry there the people were using many versions and there was no power or fruit from the preaching and teaching. The church was running around 50 in 1975. After this message the power and fruit came and the church grew to an attendance of around 300. Since I left in 1979, for the mission field, the church has gone through 4 or 5 pastors and changed Bibles from the KJV and again there is no power nor fruit. The last I heard they have less than 25 people attending. Another dead church. Those that left the church have found their place in churches that use the KJV and hold to the same doctrines, convictions and standards while I was their pastor. To God be the glory!

TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Psalm 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 for ever.

Illustration:

1. Remember, in the 50's, the old TV program "To Tell The Truth" by Gary Moore? He had 4 people stand up and they all gave the same name but only one was telling the truth. Gary would make his request: "Would you please prove that you are....." So it is with all the different Bible translations on the market, they all say they are the Holy Bible but only one is telling the truth. This message will help you see which BIBLE is telling the truth.

2. My testimony: I have set under many Preachers and Bible School instructors and have heard them say "All Bibles are the same, they just say it in a different way."

I have heard Bible teachers in two of the Bible Colleges I attended say this about the 1901 ASV and the NABS, "This translation is the closest to the original Greek and Hebrew Text." I believed these men of God. I never could figure out

why some of those teachers would use the KJV even though they said the others were more correct and there were many errors in the KJV. ?????

3. Paul said, **Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the truth in love,

I. WHO WROTE THE SCRIPTURES?

A. The O.T. was written by God.

2 Peter 1:21 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.

Luke 1:70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

Psa. 45:1 (God said) my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

B. The N.T. was written by God.

2 Peter 1:21 ...but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Matthew wrote Matthew

Mark wrote Mark

Luke wrote Luke and Acts

John wrote John, 1,2,3 John, Rev.

Paul wrote: Romans, 1 & 2 Cor., Gal., Eph., Phil., Col., 1, 2 Thess., 1 & 2 Tim., Titus, Philemon, Hebrews.

James wrote James

Peter wrote 1 & 2 Peter

Jude wrote Jude

C. All Scripture were written by God.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

D. All Scriptures are preserved by God.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Also the same in **Luke 21:33**

1 Kings 8:56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

John 14:25-26 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

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E. Satan's attack from the beginning.

1. Genesis 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. With Jesus:

Before His birth.

After His Birth - Herod killed males 2 & under.

In the wilderness - 3 temptations.

On the cross - 'come down'.

Defeated at the resurrection of Christ.

3. Satan returns to His Word.

II. WARNINGS IN REGARDS TO THE SCRIPTURES AND FALSE TEACHERS.

A. Paul's warnings:

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

2 Timothy 2:16-18 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

B. Peter's warning:

2 Peter 2:1-2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

C. John's warning:

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

D. Jesus' own words:

Matthew 7:15-20 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Since the beginning of time, there has been the real and the false.

THE REAL - God's Holy Word the Bible-The Truth

THE FALSE - Satan's unholy word, his books-lies

III. THE REAL AND THE COUNTERFEIT SCRIPTURES.

There are **two lines** involved here.

Satan's line = lies and God's line = truth.

A. Satan's line - lies.

1. Even before the Apostle John died there were false teachings perverting God's Word.

Illustration: That Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1 John 4:2-3 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of

antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Some said that the resurrection had already passed. After John's death the perversions increased, and these were soon written down and circulated as scripture and/or as correction of the scriptures.

In the third century, Origen appeared on the scene. Origen wrote his own Bible by revising the Greek text. He called this the Hexapla - 5 column Bible with commentaries.

A note on Origen: Origen had turned all Bible events into allegories. He said, 'the Scriptures are of little use to those who understand them as they are written.' He was a student of Clement and learned his Gnostic heresy.

He followed the pagan philosopher Plato. Origen taught that the soul existed from eternity before it inhabited the body, and after death, it migrated to a high or a lower form of life according to the deeds done in the body, and finally all would return to the state of pure intelligence only to begin again the same cycles as before.

He believed that the devils would be saved, and that the stars and planets had souls, and were like men, on trial to learn perfection. The first mention of purgatory was in his writings.

He stated that Christ was created.

Origen's Bible was adopted by Constantine in 331 and from it Jerome wrote the Latin Vulgate - 380.

The Jesuits translated the Vulgate into Italian in 1300, in French 1400, in English 1582 called the Douay. The

Douay had extensive revisions by Bishop Challoner.

1881 - Dr. Westcott and Dr. Hort led the Revision Committee which produced the English Revised Version.

Westcott said, "The battle of the inspiration of Scripture has yet to be fought."

Hort said, "The book which has most engaged me is Darwin. Whatever may be thought of it, it is a book that one is proud to be contemporary with." Westcott said, "I wish I could see to what forgotten truth Mariolatry bears witness." Hort said, "I am very far from pretending to understand completely the oft-renewed vitality of Mariolatry." Hort said, "I have been persuaded for many years that Mary-worship and Jesus worship have very much in common in their causes and their results."

Hort said, "But this last error can hardly be expelled till Protestants unlearn the crazy horror of the idea of priesthood."

Westcott said, "I could never understand how any one reading the first three chapters of Genesis, with their eyes open could believe it."

Hort said, "I am inclined to think that such state as Eden ever existed and that Adam's fall in no degree differed from the fall of each of his descendants."

Hort said, "We dare not forsake the sacraments or God will forsake us."

Both men rejected the atonement, the substitution of Christ for the sinner. Christ's death had no atoning value. They emphasized atonement through the Incarnation. This is the Catholic doctrine in defense for the Mass.

Hort said, "That Christ's atonement is an immoral and material counterfeit."

Westcott and Hort were unregenerate men who corrupted the Scriptures and changed them to leave out important issues.

From their work followed the Nestle's Greek N.T. 1898. J.W.'s New World translation plus many modern perversions as the 1901 ASV, 1952 RSV etc.

NOTICE

A FEW OF THE MANY PERVERSIONS:

() = "out or omitted"

1. In regards to the Deity of Christ:

Matthew 1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. (firstborn) son

Matthew 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. (the Son of God to a son RSV)

Luke 2:33 And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. (Joseph to father. ASV)

Luke 2:43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. (Joseph and his mother to parents. ASV)

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. ASV leaves out this verse. Some say Jesus Christ is the son of God.

Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things 8

by Jesus Christ: (who created all things) (by Jesus Christ)
ASV

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. ASV (Christ is come in the flesh) Begotten = only born (God) and first born (Mary) removed from many verses.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Nestles OS=them T.R. OEOS

2. In regards to Salvation:

Matthew 18:11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. (J.W. & NAS omitted)

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. ASV (to repentance) omitted

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. (on me) is omitted

Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. (both/and arose) RSV Christ died and lived again ASV

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: (for us) RSV & ASV

Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (through his blood) ALL

omitted.

1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; (for us)

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: changed to 'to grown up to salvation' NAS & GN

3. In regards to Hell.

Mark 9:44, 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Omitted

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (should not perish) omitted

2 Peter 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. (for ever) omitted

Words missing:

Matthew 20:22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. (20 words missing.)

Acts 9:5-6 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. (31 words missing.)

4. In regards to the Resurrection & Ascension.

Luke 24:12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass. (then arose Peter & ran into the sepulchre) whole verse is omitted ASV - RSV

Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. (carried up into heaven) RSV
(ASV reads this way, "And it came about that while He was blessing them, He departed from them.")

Luke 24:3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. (of the Lord Jesus Christ) omitted.

Luke 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
(He is not here but risen) at the bottom of the page. RSV

Acts 2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; (according to the flesh He raised up Christ) omitted.

Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.
("both" and "and rose")

5. In regards to Creation.

Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: (by Jesus Christ)

Hebrews 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him

over the works of thy hands: (and didst set Him over the works of thy hands) RSV, ASV omitted the verse.

6. In regards to Miracles.

Mark 1:31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. (immediately) omitted

Luke 23:45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. (Changed to, "the sun's light failed' Foot notes say a normal eclipse.)

John 5:3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the waters. (waiting for the moving of the waters)

John 5:4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. Omitted

7. In regards to Satan.

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (get thee behind me, Satan) omitted

Over 200 key references differ from the KJV on:

1. The Deity of Christ
2. Salvation
3. Hell
4. Resurrection and Ascension - Over 5,000 changes altogether.
5. Creation
6. Miracles
7. Satan

A. Satan's line - Lies, perversions, corruption.

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

B. God's line - The Truth

Psalm 19:7-11 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Psalm 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Psalm 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 for ever.

A little more background:

The Greek Orthodox church in the East processed and preserved accurate copies of the Scripture in Greek for 1,000 years. The pure text was preserved in the Syrian Church of Antioch and later in the Italic Church in Northern Italy where it was accurately translated into Latin by 157 AD.

Early Christians carried the accurate copies into Southern France and Great Britain where they translated them into the Gallic and Celtic language by the end of the second century.

In modern times, 1516, Erasmus printed the Bible in Greek. This translation agrees with the old Greek manuscripts from the second century.

Tyndale (a student of Erasmus) brought out the first accurate English translation in 1525.

In 1550, Stephens published a Greek N.T., commonly referred to as the Textus Receptus or the Received Test or the Majority Text. Luther's Bible of 1534 is from Erasmus.

Our KJV Bible, of 1611, has been translated from the Textus Receptus or Received Text. It is the most current English Translation that we have available from the Textus Receptus.

God's Word is:

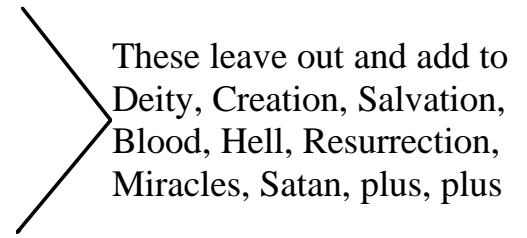
1. **Inspired**. **2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration (God breathed) of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
2. **Verbally inspired**. Every word is inspired.
3. **Plenary**. It is full and complete.
4. **Inerrant**. It is without error.
5. **Eternal**. **Psalm 119:89** For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Conclusion:

There are two books.

1. Satans

- Origen
- Westcott-Hort
- Nestles Greek Text
- Modern Translations



Good men hold to the above. **Romans 3:4** God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

The **liberals** say,
“The Bible contains the Word of God”

The **Neo-Orthodox** say,
“Only what jumps out is the Word of God.”

We say, “The Bible is the Word of God.”

2. God's Word-preserved in the:

Original writings,
Textus Receptus,
KJV Bible

These are in agreement with God. These exalt Jesus Christ.

Revelation has to do with the receiving of the truth.

Inspiration has to do with the recording of the truth.

Illumination has to do with the understanding of the truth.

Preservation has to do with the guarding of the truth.

IV. GOD'S FINAL WARNING CONCERNING HIS WORD.

Galatians 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

A. Results of refusing His Word.

Proverbs 1:24-28 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and

anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

Proverbs 1:30-31 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

B. Results of receiving His Word.

1. Salvation
2. Sins forgiven
3. A clean heart
4. God's power
5. Assurance
6. Heaven
7. Rewards
8. Jesus Christ.

Christian friend, **Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the truth in love

Amos 8:11-12 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

Note: A good book to read is *Which Bible* by Otis Fuller