BIBLE INFALLIBILITY

ROOTING SERIES

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The Word of God is the most important and necessary element to the growth of a believer. It is as important as the sun and the rain are to the growth of a plant, or as food and water are to the nourishment of the body. God's Word is a great source of comfort and also your only offensive weapon against the strategies of the devil. This study will aid you in seeing these principles and hopefully cause you to esteem and apply the Bible in your life. Read it, study it, memorize it, meditate upon it day and night and you will steadily be conformed to the image of God's Son.

Today, Satan has launched a serious attack on God's Word. Liberals and modernists from every side have attempted to destroy the integrity and reliability of the Bible by casting doubt on its accuracy. They say that it only <u>contains</u> the words of God. Consequently, there are, at the time of this publication, over 400 different English versions of the Bible available on the market. This does nothing but cause confusion in the hearts of believers and nonbelievers alike. "God is not the author of confusion." **1 Cor 14:33** Hence, you must study the concept of Biblical infallibility so that you will not be tossed to and fro. Again, this is not a complete study but an overview to present several rational arguments. An intense study of "manuscript evidence" will be dealt with later.

I. THE ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH

- John 17:17 (Memory Verse) "...thy Word is truth."
- **Psa 119:140-142 -** "...thy law is the truth."
- □ John 8:32 (Memory Verse) "...the truth shall make you free."
- **Psa 12:6** (Memory Verse) The Words of the Lord <u>are</u> (not were) pure.
- □ **Pro 30:5-6** (Memory Verse) Every Word of God is (not was) pure.
 - DEFN: "Purity" (1) Cleanness, spotless, unsoiled; freedom from foulness.
 (2) Freedom from foreign admixture or heterogeneous matter
 (3) Chastity; freedom from contamination (4) Innocence; freedom from the defilement of sin (5) Freedom from any sinister or improper views.
- **Pro 8:8** Nothing froward or perverse in them
 - **DEFN:** "Froward" Not willing to yield or comply with what is required; unyielding; ungovernable; disobedient.
 - **DEFN:** "Perverse" Turned aside; hence, distorted from the right. Obstinate in the wrong; disposed to be contrary; stubborn; intractable.

II. THE BIBLE'S INSPIRATION

A. The source of truth is God, not man.

- **2** Tim 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."
 - **DEFN**: "Inspiration" Guidance or control by divine influence: breathed upon or into.
 - **NOTE**: "God breathed" the words of life like God breathed in Adam the breath of life. (**Gen 2:7**)

B. God gave the Word by putting the words in men's mouths.

- **2 Sam 23:2** Whose Word?
- □ Isa 51:16 Again, whose words in whose mouth?
- □ Jer 1:9 Again, whose words in whose mouth?
- **2** Pet 1:16-19 God's Word is more sure than hearing a voice from Heaven.
- □ 2 Pet 1:20 "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."
- □ 2 Pet 1:21 "...but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (John 3:8 The Wind/Spirit moves things).

C. God formed the men to speak His words.

- **Jer 1:5-7** God formed Jeremiah to be His prophet.
- □ Isa 49:1-2 Isaiah was a polished shaft designed and fashioned by God to speak His Word.
- □ **Isa 50:4** God gave Isaiah the tongue of the learned.
- **Exo 3:15-4:12** These men were designed by God for His purpose.

D. God instructed men to write the words down.

- **Exo 24:4** Moses wrote them.
- □ Jer 30:1-2 Jeremiah was instructed by God to write the words down.
- **Rev 1:19** John was to write what he saw.
- **Psa 68:11** God gave it and men published it.
- □ **Psa 119:89-91** A perfect copy has been in heaven before the foundation of the world. God is faithful to give His Word to all generations.

III. EVERY WORD IS NEEDED AND IS PROFITABLE

- Deu 8:3 Moses says you need every word.
- □ Matt 4:4 (Memory Verse) Jesus verified it.
 - NOTE: "Every Word" out of the mouth of God is needed just like your body needs every vitamin. "You are what you eat." Don't continually consume the words of man, which is "processed" food. "...their word will eat as doth a canker (cancer)..." (2 Tim 2:17) Eat the words of God, which are pure food designed by the Creator.
- **Job 23:12** Job esteemed God's words more than his food.
- **2 Tim 3:16-17** (Memory Verse) God's Word is profitable for:
 - **DEFN**: "Profitable" to your benefit, increase and improvement. (Rom 15:4-6; 1 Cor 10:6,11)
 - (1) <u>Doctrine</u> The Word defines the path of truth to walk for God. Tit 2:1-10; Tit 1:9-11; 1 Tim 1:5-6,18-19)

DEFN: "Doctrine" - What you believe, practice and teach others as the truth.

(2) <u>Reproof</u> - The Word determines where you got off the path of truth. (Pro 1:23; Pro 6:23)

DEFN: "Reproof" - To charge with a fault, to blame, to point out an error.

- (3) <u>Correction</u> The Word shows you how to get back on the path of truth. (Jer 10:23-24)
 - **DEFN:** "Correction" To set right, to remove the error in order to bring to the truth, making accurate and free from error.
- (4) <u>Instruction</u> The Word explains how to stay on the path of truth. (Psa 119:33-35)
 - **DEFN:** "Instruction" To furnish with authoritative information in order to direct or command.
 - **NOTE:** The above is a process of keeping sound doctrine, "...continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (**1 Tim 4:16**)
 - **NOTE:** You have been "THOROUGHLY FURNISHED", completely equipped by God with everything that is needed to perform every good work in the earth.
- □ Acts 20:32 The Word is able to build you up in the faith.

- **1 Pet 2:2** The Word provides milk for a babe to grow.
- **Heb 5:11-14** -The Word becomes strong meat to them that are exercised by it.
- □ 1 Cor 3:1-2 The Corinthians were babes because they could not handle the meat of the Word.
- **Psa 19:7-11** (vs. 10) The Word is sweeter than the honeycomb.

IV. THE BIBLE'S IMPORTANCE

- □ Psa 138:2 (Memory Verse) The Lord has magnified His Word above His name.
- **John 6:63** His words are spirit and life.
- **Psa 119:105** (Memory Verse) His Word is a lamp.
- **Psa 119:130** (Memory Verse) His Word gives light.
- **Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12** The Word is a weapon of war.
- **Psa 119:9; Eph 5:26** The Word cleanses.
- **Rom 10:17-19** His Word is a source of faith for the saved or lost.
- □ **Psa 1:1-3; Josh 1:8** The Word is the key to your success in life. Meditate on it constantly.

V. UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

- **John 14:26** The Spirit will teach you all things.
- I John 2:27 The anointing is a picture of His Spirit as in being anointed with oil. It is through this anointing that we are taught all things. We are not dependent upon man to be taught because His Spirit will lead and guide us into all truth. (John 16:13)
- □ 1 Cor 2:7-16 The Spirit searches the "deep" things of God. You can not understand the Bible until you are saved (vs. 14)
 - **NOTE:** Only the Spirit of God can teach you the truth of the Word of God. The natural man is spiritually incapable of being able to understand it. The Word is foolishness to the natural man. This is why the more proud men become, the more they move away from the Word of truth. It manifests and discerns the foolishness in their hearts. (Rom 1:21-22; Heb 4:12)

- □ **1 John 4:1-6** The wrong spirit leads to the wrong interpretation. A spirit that is not after Christ will lead you astray.
- **Psa 119:18; Psa 119:125** Pray for enlightenment.
- **2 Tim 2:15; Acts 17:11; Pro 2:4-6** Study to understand the Bible's precepts.
 - **NOTE:** You must make a personal effort of studying His Word before the Lord (not man) in order to be approved of Him. It should be done daily and consistently. No one ever became a strong Christian without studying His Word!

VI. GOD PROMISES TO PRESERVE HIS WORD FOR MAN

- □ **Psa 12:6-7** The Lord keeps His words. The Lord preserves His Word to all generations. Notice, God preserves it NOT man!
 - **DEFN:** "Preservation" To keep or save from injury or destruction. To defend from evil: to uphold, guard or sustain. To keep in the same state.
- **Pro 22:12** The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge.
- **Psa 33:11** The thoughts of His heart are to all generations.
- **Psa 100:5** His truth endureth to all generations.
- **Psa 117:2** The truth of the Lord endureth forever.
- Psa 119:89-91 His faithfulness to deliver His Word to us extends to all generations. The longest chapter in the entire Bible is Psalm 119, it is dedicated to exalting His Word.
- Matt 5:18 Till heaven and earth pass, one jot (the smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet *jot*, the tenth letter) or one tittle (a small hornlike appendage, which transforms one Hebrew letter into another,) <u>shall in no wise</u> pass away. Thus, a stronger statement by Jesus of absolute verbal inspiration and preservation could hardly be imagined!
- □ Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away before God's Word shall be lost.
 - **NOTE:** Do you think God would go to all the trouble of forming a man, putting the words in his mouth, instructing him to write them down, and then not take care to preserve it for all generations? Inspiration of the Bible has no value or meaning without preservation of the Bible. There must be a preserved copy of God's Word in the earth today because He promised there would be. If you can believe God created the heavens and the earth, can't you believe that God can keep His Book from error? God is a faithful witness, but confidence in man can be a snare.

At this point instead of entering into a lengthy study on "Manuscript Evidence", we will present some logical analogies in hope of pointing you in a direction that has been proven by many saints for centuries. We believe the Authorized King James Bible is the pure, preserved Word of God for the English speaking nations. It has come from the true line of scriptural text that was preserved by the faithful churches, "the pillar and ground of truth", throughout the centuries. God has set it apart for use these past four centuries. The KJV Bible has been used to win millions of sinners to Christ, to send missionaries all over the world, and to alter the course of nations. No other version has such a magnificent testimony. In January of 1604, King James, ruler of one of the greatest nations in the world, authorized the translating of this Bible. **Rom 13:1** states, "...there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." The Lord used this unsaved man (most likely unsaved, based on his testimony) to initiate this great task for Himself. At the time of its development, the English language was at its peak of expression. Since then the English language has deteriorated and peoples' vocabularies have severely diminished. Thus, general terms and slang have been adopted over the years causing a loss in accuracy of expression. The following is a thought-provoking comparison of Jesus Christ; the Word made flesh, and the Authorized King James Bible, the Word written down, in light of today's criticisms. (The following comparison was borrowed from an unknown, uncopyrighted source and slightly modified.)

A. <u>Like Jesus Christ, this Bible is not afraid to claim its AUTHORITY in</u> <u>speaking THE VERY WORD OF GOD, PURELY.</u>

- **John 12:48-50** It speaks for God, and men will be judged by what it says.
- □ John 8:12-24 It bears witness to itself, and God bears witness to it by using it. Millions have come to Christ over the past centuries through its use.
- □ John 8:42-44 -The devil blinds the minds of men through pride so they won't hear Him.
- □ John 14:10-11 It is evident that the Lord is using this Bible because of its impact on the world, just like Christ's impact.

B. Like Jesus Christ, this Bible is persecuted.

- Matt 12:14 Pharisees held a "council" to destroy Jesus. Just like today, the religious have tried to destroy the Word by replacing it with a copy of their own. Every other version is readily accepted except the King James Bible because it comes from a different line of scripture.
- Mark 11:18 Scribes and chief priests "united" together to destroy Jesus because of His doctrine. Just like today, the religious want to destroy the Word which divides because of its doctrine, so that they can all "unite".

□ Luke 20:19 - Those that Jesus exposed and spoke out against by the truth of His words wanted to get rid of Him. The same is only with the Authorized King James Bible.

C. <u>Like with Jesus Christ, the world looks for contradictions and errors in this</u> <u>Bible.</u>

- □ Mark 12:13 Pharisees and Herodians sent to catch Jesus in His words.
- Luke 11:53-54 Scribes and Pharisees waited to catch Him in His speech.
- **Matt 22:15** Pharisees tried to entangle Him in His talk.

D. <u>Like Jesus Christ, this Bible challenges the world to find fault.</u>

- **John 8:46** Jesus challenged them to name and prove just one sin.
- □ Heb 4:15 Jesus was tempted on all points but without sin, even so the DEVIL, the WORLD, and the FLESH try the Word. See also 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:22 and 1 John 3:5.

E. <u>You know the Holy Spirit wrote this Bible because it magnifies Jesus</u> <u>Christ.</u>

- **John 16:13-14** The Holy Spirit speaks of Jesus Christ.
- **Col 1:18** Jesus is to have the preeminence.
- Psa 118:8 This is the middle verse of the Authorized King James Bible. The other Bible versions take out or add words, sentences, verses, or books so this verse would not be the middle. The verse has 14 words, the middle two are the center of the Bible. They are "THE LORD". Now look carefully at what the verse says! Take heed to these words.

F. <u>Like with Jesus Christ, the world claims this Bible's language is "hard to</u> <u>understand" and that nobody talks like that.</u>

- □ 1 Cor 2:14 Lost men cannot understand the Bible the way it is supposed to be understood. They are of another spirit.
- □ Mark 4:11-12 Jesus speaks that way intentionally so one cannot understand unless the person is converted.
- **John 7:46** They claimed nobody spoke like Jesus either.

G. There is no copyright on this Bible's scriptures.

- **NOTE:** It is against the law of the land to copy and distribute any copyrighted material without the direct written consent of the copyrighter. The Lord would want us to be able to distribute His Word freely to all men. Only the "...love of money which is the root of <u>all evil</u>" (**1 Tim 6:10**) would cause men to copyright a source of truth so that all men could not freely partake and distribute.
- **Rev 22:17** "...whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
 - **NOTE:** It is not that people did not want a savior, they wanted someone to rally under and make them prosper. They just did not want <u>THE</u> <u>SAVIOUR</u>! Just like now, it is not that people do not want a Bible. There is good money in selling Bibles, and it serves as a common religious flag to unite under. They just do not want <u>THE BIBLE</u>!

CONCLUSION:

We are living in perilous times. Satan is using every strategy possible to destroy faith in the earth and the church. Men's hearts are failing because of fear. They have nothing stable on which to cleave. The Lord foreseeing this dilemma provided for you a true testimony many years prior. It is a "...more sure word of prophecy". **2 Pet 1:19**

"Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good." **1 Thes 5:21**