

Word of God Sunday 2019
The Word of God
Prov 30.5-6

There is nothing more fundamental to a born again Christian than the Word of God. The Word of God is the,

- Source of your Faith (Rom 10.17)
- Foundation of your Faith
- Foundation of all of our Church Doctrines
- Revelation and Manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ – He is the living Word (John 1.1-3) revealed in this written Word; the King James Bible
- Your Source of all godly Spiritual Growth, if you will greatly desire its nourishment (1 Pet 2.2)
- Your Spiritual Milk and Meat, without it you will be Spiritually malnourished and famished.

Without the Word of God,

- You will be Spiritually Tepid – Weak and sickly
- You will be Susceptible to Temptation – Not know how to identify them or gain victory over them
- You will Struggle in your Trials – As you will stand alone in your own mortal strength through your trials.

We live in a time where our adversary the Devil has,

- Flooded our world with multitudes of false versions of the Bible. So that people struggle to know which one is really the Word of God.
- Taken control of most Bible Colleges and Seminaries teaching the men, and now women, who lead Churches to convince their members that any version will do. Yet these version of the Bible are the devils books.
- Rendered us in the time prophesied

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:¹² *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.***

The Word of God is in this mortal world, as it is in heaven above. It is perfect and pure and it is perfectly preserved. It is this 1611 King James Bible.

Read Text:

A. The Perfect Preservation Of The Word Of God – Our doctrinal statement today reads that,

“We believe that each of the sixty-six books in the Bible is the inspired, inerrant (without error) Word of God. God has preserved His Word to this day and will continue to do so.”

Thus we believe that this Authorized King James Bible is the inerrant, inspired, perfectly preserved Word of God.

We base our doctrine on, primarily, The Word of God. God says,

*Proverbs 30:5-6 **Every word of God is pure:** he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.⁶ Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.*

Psalm 12.6

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

Notice here in Psalm God has promised to keep His WORDS to every generation. That means that for every generation God, by His supernatural power, will preserve His WORDS; every word.

In our text this is emphasized.

1. **God and His Words (Prov 30.5-6) – **Every word of God is pure:** he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.⁶ Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.**

Illustration – I had a Seminary Student, working on a graduate degree, say to me one day. In response to my statement, “To change one word in the Bible is to violate the commands of God as given in His Word.” His response, “What one verse in the entire Bible that says don’t change the Word of God.” Is this based on one verse in the Word of God?

Notice,

- **God and His Words** – At what level does God preserve His Word, at the Words.

God tells us to pay attention to the WORDS, every word. The Words matter.

***John 14:23** Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, **he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Prov 4.4

***Proverbs 4:4** He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart **retain my words:** keep my commandments, and live.*

Prov 7.1

***Proverbs 7:1** My son, **keep my words,** and lay up my commandments with thee.*

Rev 1.3

***Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear **the words** of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

***Revelation 22:19** And if any man shall take away from **the words** of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

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1. God and His Words

Why the WORDS? Because God has woven key words and phrase into His Word that help us see and understand the context of God's perfectly preserved Word.

- **God and His Shield (Prov 30.5)** – *Every word of God is pure: **he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*** – The Word of God develops the Shield we need in our Christian Journey.

Ephesians 6:16 *Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

Our Faith is our Shield. Our biblical Faith develops from the Perfect Word of God

Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

As biblical faith is,

- **Hearing a Word from God**
- **Believing what God has said**
- **Acting on what God has said.**

Biblical faith is **Taking God at his Word.**

Without this perfect Word of God, This King James Bible, you will have no biblical Faith. You may have the world false faith, but you will not have the faith God wants you to have.

- **God and the Liar (Prov 30.5-6)** – *Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.⁶ **Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.***

Add one word to the Word of God and you will be found a liar and will be reprov'd of God.

How much of a change does it take to be reprov'd of God? Just one word, that's all. God will brand you a liar.

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2. God and His Shield

In the Word of God, God says, The Words matter.

Often pastors and modern so-called bible scholars will read the changes in a text and will ask, **“Do those changes really matter?”** They are asking, **“In your human opinion and mind do those changes matter?”** That is the wrong question.

The real question is, **“Do those changes matter to God?”**

God says, “The Words Matter!”

B. Trusting God and His Word (Prov 30.5-6; Psalm 19.7-14) – *Every word of God is pure: **he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.***⁶ *Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.*

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What is a Christian should do with the Word of God? Every Christian should have a daily **God and I time**. In your God and I time you should diligently, and with great desire, approach the Word of God, this King James Bible and,

1. **Let it Change you (Psalm 19.7-14; cf. 7)** - *The **law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:** the testimony of the LORD is sure, **making wise the simple.*** – Let the Word of God convert or change you.

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*² *And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

When you come to the Word of God with the right heart and mind it will transform your mind and that will transform you.

God’s word seeks to change you, it seeks to convert you.

Today people want the Word of God to endorse and confirm who they are in their sin and iniquity. But all through the Word of God, God says, He is seeking to change you for your good and His glory.

Romans 8:28-29 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*
²⁹ *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son,** that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

2. **Let it Confirm you (Psalm 19.8)** - *The statutes of the LORD are right, **rejoicing the heart:** the commandment of the LORD is pure, **enlightening the eyes.*** – When you desire to live in obedience to God, which is to live in obedience to the Word of God, then as you read the Word of God it will be a Joy to your heart.

It is sad to see professing Christians who when they read the Word of God they become deeply convicted and emotionally distressed. Do you understand why this happens? It is because you are not living in willful obedience to the Word of God. You are living in rebellion to the Word of God which is rebellion toward God.

To find joy in your heart in the statutes of God is to delight yourself in the Word of God. It is to love the Word of God. It is to delight yourself in the Word of God.

Psalm 119:16 *I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*

When you fully realize that the Word of God is right every time, that God's Word is pure and enlightening to your eyes, that is when you will begin to delight yourself in the Word of God.

That is when you will desire the Word of God to give you direction in your daily life.

When you want to live a life that is right with God, you will willfully seek the Word of God as your guide for life and the Word of God, and its conviction will be a great joy to your heart and life.

Christian, do you find enlightenment and great joy in the Word of God?

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3. **Let it Cleanse you (Psalm 19.9)** - *The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.* – The Word of God cleanses us.

Eph 5.25

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶ That he might sanctify and **cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,** ²⁷ That he might present it to himself a **glorious church,** not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; **but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

Notice that the Word of God is described as cleansing water. The Word of God seeks to cleanse the Church by cleansing its member and removing every spot and wrinkle so that we might be a glorious Church. A glorious Church is a holy Church.

Hence, when we fear God and rejoice in His Word, God's Word will cleanse us. This cleansing is a worthy cleansing indeed.

Notice also in this verse of our text that,

Psalm 19:9 . . . the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

The world is like Pontius Pilate and asks, "What is truth?"

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

Our text declares the same.

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Christian there is no need for you to doubt where you find absolute truth.

4. **Let it Captivate you (Psalm 19.10) - *More to be desired*** are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. – A Child of God will never go wrong with a strong desire for the Word of God.

Our lost and spiritually blind world think that there are many things that are more important than the Word of God. But they are mistaken. The commands and statutes of God, which are the Word of God are more to be desire than fine gold.

Illustration: My first sergeant in the Marine Corps once said to me, “Sergeant Huyck, I think you are taking that Bible a little too seriously.” He said he was going to send me for a psychological evaluation.

I tell you that if you would love the Word of God and rejoice in it and all of its statutes and judgments you will have found something more worthy of all of your desire than even this world’s finest Gold.

Notice also that when you desire the Word of God it will be sweeter than honey to you. To many in our world the Bible is a very negative, harsh revelation. When you love your sin more than God and His Word then it will be a book of deep, heart rending conviction and correction.

5. **Let it Compensate you (Psalm 19.11) - *Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.***

The Lost are warned by the Word of God to be saved and become the Children of God.

The Children of God are warned to live in Godliness and obedience to the Word of God because one day soon and very soon we will all be judged by the books that will be opened before the throne of our Lord Jesus Christ. Clearly the Word of God will be there that day.

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We also discover within the revelation given by the Word of God that there are many rewards to be earned here in this mortal life. Those rewards tells us what will please our God and how we can and should live in order to receive those rewards in eternity to come.

All of this is the result of rejoicing in the Word of God.

6. Let it Control you (Psalm 19.12-13) - *Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.¹³ Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.*

There are many in our day who strive to teach that because of grace we can live in any old sin in this world and there will be no accounting for it in eternity to come. Yet our text calls us to be cleansed from presumptuous sins and secret faults.\

In the New Testament we read,

1 John 2:1-2 *My little children, these things write I unto you, **that ye sin not.** And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:² And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Romans 6:1-2 *What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?**² **God forbid.** How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

The Word of God calls us to strive for holiness and righteousness in the sight of God.

7. Let it Consume you (Psalm 19.14) - *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

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Let the Word of God be the most valuable, the most precious thing in your life. Be sure you hear and heed the Word of God throughout your life. Never make excuses for the Word of God but make it your pre-eminent goal to have the Word of God lead and command you throughout your life.

C. How we handle God's Word – The Transmission of the Word of God.

Proverbs 30:5-6 **Every word of God is pure:** he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ⁶ **Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.**

God says, Don't add anything to His Word!

Deuteronomy 4:2 **Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it,** that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

God says, Don't add to or take ought from His Word!

Deuteronomy 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: **thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.**

God says, Don't add to or take ought from His Word!

Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things,** God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹ **And if any man shall take away from the words** of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

I count four times in the Word of God, God directly commands to not add to or take ought away from the Word of God. These are the direct commands not the indirect statements.

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Principle - How are we supposed to handle the Word of God? With utmost caution. Never adding to or taking anything away from the Word of God.

Often Pastor's and Church Leaders are heard saying that **no major Bible Doctrine is affected by the changes in the Modern Translations of the Bible. Yet the doctrine of the Word of God, Bibliology, which is the foundational doctrine for every other doctrine is directly affected by these changes and their resulting teachings.**

D. Our History and the Word of God – The Transmission of the Word of God.

1. How we got our English King James Bible

- a. **Wycliffe Bible 1382-1395 A.D.** – Written in middle English. **Translated from the Latin Vulgate** and did not contain the whole Bible.

Thought to have been written by multiple translators.

Translations from translations – To translate something from a translation is a very dangerous translational method.

- b. **Tyndale Bible 1524 A.D.** – Tyndale tried to translate the Bible into English **from the Original Manuscripts**, the Received Text, but he had to run for his life while translating. He worked alone and was strangled and burned at the stake in 1536 A.D.
- c. **The Cloverdale Bible 1535 A.D.** – Myles Cloverdale sought to complete Tyndales incomplete English translation of the Bible. However Cloverdale had no knowledge of Hebrew and Greek and completed the Bible using the Latin Vulgate and other Latin sources of the Bible. **Hence his portion was a translation from a translation.**

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d. **The Matthew Bible 1537 A.D.** – Translated by John Rogers. The Matthew Bible was **translated from German and Latin sources** to complete Tyndale’s incomplete Bible. **This was a translation from a translation** perhaps multiple translations deep as the German Bible may have been translated from Latin sources.

e. **Great Bible 1539 A.D.** – Authorized by King Henry VII of England. The Great Bible was translated from the Latin Vulgate and German Translations. **This was a translation of translations, which is a very dangerous method for translation.**

f. **Bishop’s Bible 1539 A.D.** – Authorized by the Church of England. This translation was translated from the Latin Vulgate; again a **translation of a translation.** The Latin Vulgate was a very poor translation of the Bible itself.

g. **Geneva Bible 1539 A.D.** – Translated in Geneva, Switzerland by a committee of approximately six translators. **Translated from the original languages.** It is said that this was the Translation of the Bible most pilgrims brought with them to America.

h. **King James Bible 1611 A.D.** – Authorized by King James VI and I of Scotland and England. This translation was translated from the Original Languages using the Received text and other Heberw and Greek texts available to the scholars.

This was the first Translation of the Bible in English authorized by the crown using the original languages and a large committee of scholars, approximately forty-eight, of incredible skill in those languages.

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1. How we got our King James Bible
 - Wycliffe Bible
 - Tyndale Bible
 - Cloverdale Bible

It is important to note – There is very little difference between the Geneva and King James Bibles. There are rare, insignificant, word changes and all verses and phrases are present in the texts. The primary changes are found in the side notes, which are not the Bible text.

2. **How we got the Modern Translations** –
Everything after the King James Bible.

Modern translations after the King James Bible find their root in the era of **Textual Criticism**. They come after the discovery of the **Siananticus** in 1859 A.D. by Tishendorf at the monastery of St Catherine on Mount Siani.

After this discovery Wescott and Hort began to teach aggressively that the Bible Texts should be heavily criticized and taught that all Bible texts except the Siananticus should be discarded.

Many state the three manuscripts come together to support the modern greek text, Nestle-Aland New Testament text, that claims to use the Siananticus, Vaticanus, and the Alexandrius as its sources. However, after much study and comparison it can only use the Siananticus and the Alexandrius agrees with the Received Text more than it does the Nestle-Aland Text. The Vaticanus still carries many questions about its authenticity with any discerning scholar.

Almost all Modern Translations use the Nestle-Aland text and drop more than 40 verses out of the Bible and multitudes of phrases and words.

Most Bible Colleges and Seminaries speak very poorly of the Received Text and promote the Nestle-Aland Text. The Nestle-Aland Text is the devils manuscript.

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E. The Perfect Preservation of the Word of God – The preservation of the Word of God is based on God’s supernatural ability to persevere His Word.

Psalm 12.6

Psalm 12:6-7 **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.**

1. God Promised to Preserve His Word

God’s ability to perfectly preserve His Word is greater than mankinds ability to corrupt God’s Word.

2. Preserved for Every Generation

If modern textual criticism is correct then Tyndale died protecting a Bible that was not the Word of God.

The many millions of martyrs that dies protecting and preserving the Word of God throughout the dark ages died protecting a Bible that was not the Word of God. Because the real word of God was not made available to us until 1859 AD when Tishendorf found it on Mount Sinai.

I know that this King James Bible is the Word of God because of God’s Promise and because God’s people have always had it in their hands.

Psalm 12:6-7 *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.**

The Word of God, the Bible the people of God have always had is the true Word of God!!

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How do you view the Word of God?

Will you allow this world and the Devil and his agents to draw you away from the Word of God and into this worlds famine of the word of God?

Are you convinced that this King James Bible is the supernaturally perfectly persevered Word of God?

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