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"because our God is not among us?" (Deuteronomy 31:17) "

To fully understand God's preservation of his people means that God ordained leadership is a must.

1. Much of evangelical thought has abandoned the pastorate as being one called and

commissioned by God Himself. (*The Problem*) v. 14 [Joshua 23:14-16; ESV]

2. God has in fact called his servants to lead the Church though it be rebellious at heart. (The Correction)

a. ONLY the God ordained pastor can bridge the leadership-v. 15 [2 Timothy 4:5-8; ESV]

b. ONLY the God ordained pastor can remain faithful in seasons of abject rebellionv. 15b [2 Timothy 4:1-4 ESV]

c. ONLY the God ordained pastor will recognize that God is not in the work-v. 17-18 [2 Timothy 3:5-7; ESV] d. ONLY the God ordained pastor will call the Church v. 19-22 [Acts 3:19-22; ESV]

3. It is ONLY the pastor called of God who is promised God's protection and promise through very difficult days. (*The Follow-Through*) v. 27 [John 6:37]