

Biblical Preservation – The miraculous process by which God kept or guarded His words.

Key verse: Psalm 12:6-7 “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. (v.7) Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”

The words of God are for ever settled in Heaven (Psalm 119:89) but when the holy men actually wrote them, then they became available to God’s people from the time of its writing clear until every subsequent generation, for ever.

Proverbs 30:5 “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” God’s word is pure, it shall endure into every generation, and He does not want people to tamper with it or to mess with His word. **Proverbs 30:6** “Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”

Isaiah 59:21 “As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.” – God’s word is never going to be lost. They are going to be preserved forever.

Matthew 4:4 “But he answered and said, **It is written**, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” – Noticed the Lord Jesus said “It is written” – the product of writing are words. Moses wrote these words back in his day; see Deuteronomy 8:3. Jesus cited or paraphrased the verse that Moses wrote 1,500 years before. The strength of the phrase “It is written” is that what Moses wrote in the past was still available and applicable in the time of Christ. This also means that Moses’ words are available and applicable for us today.

Matthew 5:18 “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one **jot** or one **tittle** shall in no wise pass from **the law**, till all be fulfilled.” – Everything in the Scriptures are going to be fulfilled. “Jots” and “tittles” are the smallest characters of the Hebrew alphabet. A jot is like a small apostrophe (it is equal to a Y, J, or I. It is part of the Hebrew consonant). A tittle is a dot (part of the Hebrew vowel). The smallest characters of the Hebrew Old Testament are not going to fail or be lost from “The Law” or the Old Testament. The Bible will last even until the end of heaven and earth. (see also, Luke 16:17).

1 Peter 1:23, 25 “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by **the word of God**, which **liveth and abideth for ever**.” (v.25) “But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever**. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

God’s forever settled word was given to the prophets in the Old Testament, and the apostles in the New Testament thought inspiration. They were also involved in Biblical preservation.

God used the **nation of Israel** to preserve the Old Testament (Luke 24:44). And God used **the churches** to preserve the New Testament (Colossians 4:16).

God’s words are perfectly preserved from the time of that God gave it to man clear until today, and it will remain intact clear until the end of heaven and earth.

Do we have God’s words today? Has there ever been a time when God’s people were left without the words of God from the time they were given? If you believe in Biblical Preservation you will know the answers to these questions.

Assignment: continue to work on the “Table of Contents” of the Holy Bible.