

The Word of the LORD Was Unto Them...

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Isaiah 28:7-13, "But **they** also have **erred** through wine, and through strong drink are **out of the way**; **the priest** and **the prophet** have **erred** through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are **out of the way** through strong drink; **they err in vision, they stumble in judgment**. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. **Whom shall he teach knowledge?** and **whom shall he make to understand doctrine?** them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: **yet they would not hear**. But **the word of the LORD was unto them** precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; **that they might go**, and **fall backward**, and **be broken**, and **snared**, and **taken**."

This is a very misunderstood passage where the "...precept must be **upon** precept, precept **upon** precept; line **upon** line, line **upon** line; **here a little**, and **there a little**..." of verse 10 is usually quoted without verse 13 getting in the way which is the interpretive context. Some have even named their ministries after the passage in verse 10 thinking that this is the way to deal with God's words; however, in verse 13 that is not the case. What seems to be one way is actually another in the passage. The trouble is with not understanding who is doing the teaching in verse 9, "Whom shall **he** teach knowledge? and whom shall **he** make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." The antecedent of the "he" is the **priest** and the **prophet** of verse 7 who are drunken bums. Who will they teach knowledge? And who will they make to understand doctrine? Look at the answer: "...them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." Verse 10. So how are they going to teach little toddlers knowledge or cause them to understand doctrine? What a foolish thing to do! Little children can't understand these things.

It is an obvious sarcastic remark from the Lord about these drunken fools. They themselves are children at heart and not men. Speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ in Hebrews 5:11-14, "Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For **when for the time ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which be **the first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as **have need of milk**, and **not of strong meat**. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for

he is a babe. But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**” A babe is not able to deal with the things in Isaiah 28:7-13 and anyone making this a ministerial passage is a babe in Christ or lost.

Some people started teaching way before they were able to do the work. It is obvious this is an issue in many of our local churches today. So, how did this start: it started with the apostasy of 1881 and the creation of the new age New Testament Bible in Greek by Westcott and Hort.

They used what is called the Scientific Method of Textual Criticism to translate the Bible; however they did not use the same text base as the King James Translators which also did not use the science of Textual Criticism. The ideology is called Reconstructionism and goes like this: God originally inspired His Word in the Original Manuscripts but lost them in the copies over the ages and requires men to reconstruct them using the scientific method of Textual Criticism.

The Real Issues:

1. The Bible is NOT like any other book.
 - a. Philippians 2:16a, “**Holding forth the word of life**...” The Bible is the word of life.
 - b. 1 John 1:1b, “...**our hands have handled, of the Word of life**...” The Lord Jesus Christ is the Word of life.
2. God can inspire more than the original manuscripts.
 - a. Matthew 3:3a, “For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, **saying...**” Isaiah 40:3 is the original and Matthew translated.
 - b. Romans 10:16b, “...For Esaias saith, Lord, **who hath believed our report?**” Isaiah 53:1a, “**Who hath believed our report?**” Which are original manuscripts?
 - c. 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, thoroughly furnished** unto all good works.”**
3. God can inspire a copy of a copy of the original manuscripts.
 - a. 2 Timothy 3:15, “And that **from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures**...”
 - b. Jeremiah 36:23, “And it came to pass, that **when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire** that was on the hearth.” This was the original and God made a copy and it was also an original: Jeremiah 36:27-28, “Then **the word of the LORD** came to Jeremiah, **after that the king had burned the roll**, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah,

saying, **Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll**, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.”

4. God put the name of the end time Bible in the Bible:
 - a. Isaiah 41:21, “Produce your **cause**, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong **reasons**, saith **the King of Jacob**.” The King James Bible.
 - b. Psalms 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**.” The antecedent of “keep them” and “preserve them” is the words that are pure and purified seven times.
 1. Hebrew OT
 2. Chaldean OT (parts)
 3. Greek NT (from Antioch, Syria)
 4. Old Syrian Translation (Antiochian Text Base Family)
 5. Old Latin Translation predates the Vulgate (Antiochian Text)
 6. German Translation of Luther (Antiochian Text)
 7. The King James Bible or Authorized Version 1611 (Antiochian Text) English Translation. This seventh generation is the preserved one.
 - c. Psalms 71:22, “I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even **thy truth**, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou **Holy One of Israel**.”
 - i. Thy Truth (the words of truth)
 1. Psalms 119:160, “**Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever**.”
 - ii. God (The King of everything)
 1. Psalms 146:5-6, “Happy is he that hath **the God of Jacob** for his help, **whose hope is in the LORD his God**: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: **which keepeth truth for ever**.”
 - iii. Thou Holy One of Israel (One Holy Bible; Israel = Jacob = James)
 - d. Authority = Authorized = Author
 - i. Matthew 7:29, “For he taught them as one having **authority**, and not as the scribes.”
 - ii. Mark 1:22, “And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had **authority**, and not as the scribes.”
 - iii. Matthew 21:23-27, “And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this **authority**? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what **authority** I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men?

And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what **authority** I do these things.”

- iv. Mark 11:28-33, “And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this **authority** to do these things? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what **authority** I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me. And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what **authority** I do these things.”
- v. Luke 20:2-8, “And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what **authority** doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this **authority**? And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing; and answer me: The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not? But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet. And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was. And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what **authority** I do these things.”
- vi. Mark 1:27, “And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with **authority** commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.”
- vii. Luke 4:36, “And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with **authority** and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.”
- viii. Luke 9:1, “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and **authority** over all devils, and to cure diseases.”
- ix. John 5:26-29, “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him **authority** to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And

shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

- x. 1 Corinthians 14:33, “For God is not the **author** of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”
- xi. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, “But now is **Christ risen from the dead**, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all **rule** and all **authority** and **power**. For he must **reign**, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put **all things under his feet**. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when **all things shall be subdued unto him**, then shall **the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him**, that **God may be all in all**.”
- xii. Hebrews 5:8-10, “Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered; And **being made perfect**, he **became the author of eternal salvation** unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.”
- xiii. Hebrews 12:2, “**Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
- e. The Truth can be Trusted:
 - i. Psalms 100:5, “For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and **his truth endureth to all generations**.”
 - ii. Psalms 138:2, “I will worship toward **thy holy temple**, and **praise thy name** for **thy lovingkindness** and for **thy truth**: for **thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name**.”
 - iii. Ecclesiastes 12:10, “**The preacher** sought to find out **acceptable words**: and that which was **written** was **upright**, even **words of truth**.”
 - iv. Daniel 10:21a, “But I will shew thee that which is noted **in the scripture of truth**...”
 - v. John 3:33, “He that hath received **his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true**.”
 - vi. John 8:32, “And ye shall **know the truth**, and **the truth shall make you free**.”

- vii. John 17:17, “**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**”
- viii. John 19:35, “And he that saw it **bare record**, and **his record is true**: and he **knoweth that he saith true**, that ye might believe.”
- ix. 2 Corinthians 13:8, “For we can do nothing against **the truth**, but for **the truth**.”
- x. 1 Thessalonians 2:13, “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye **received the word of God** which ye heard of us, ye **received it not as the word of men**, but **as it is in truth, the word of God**, which **effectually worketh also in you that believe**.”

5. God stamped His approval on the King James Bible

- a. 400 plus years and continues to hold first place of all Bibles EVER.
- b. # 1 Best seller of ALL TIME – no book as ever come close.
- c. Produced during the time after the Reformation and before modernism.
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- e. The enemies of the King’s Bible compare their versions with it giving the King James Bible as the standard of all versions. Yet they alter it.
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- g. The wording is unique and shows a divine authorship in it that no other has.

6. There are two lines of text base families:

- a. The RIGHT one.
 - i. Antioch (Syrian)
 - 1. Acts 11:26b, “...And the disciples were called Christians first in **Antioch**.”
 - 2. Acts 15:35a, “Paul also and Barnabas continued in **Antioch**, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord...”
- b. The WRONG one.
 - i. Alexandrian (Egyptian)
 - 1. Isaiah 30:1-3, “Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into **Egypt**, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of **Egypt**! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and **the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion**.”
 - 2. Acts 6:9, “Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the **Libertines**, and **Cyrenians**, and **Alexandrians**, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, **disputing with Stephen**.”

7. Truth to be Truth MUST be Absolute and therefore only ONE.

- a. No Lie is of the TRUTH: 1 John 2:21, “**I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.**”
 - i. 1 John 1:5, “This then is the **message** which we have heard of him, and **declare** unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is **no darkness at all.**”
 - ii. Psalms 119:160, “**Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.**”
 - iii. Proverbs 14:25, “**A true witness delivereth souls:** but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.”
 - iv. 1 John 4:1-3, “Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 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.
- b. The spirit of truth vs. the spirit of error: 1 John 4:6, “We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we **the spirit of truth**, and **the spirit of error.**”
 - i. Deuteronomy 25:13, “**Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small.**”
 - ii. Proverbs 11:1, “**A false balance is abomination to the LORD:** but a just weight is his delight.”
 - iii. Proverbs 20:10, “**Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.**”
 - iv. Proverbs 20:23, “**Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good.**”
- c. God is a God of Truth: Deuteronomy 32:4, “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: **a God of truth** and without iniquity, **just and right is he.**”
 - i. 2 Samuel 22:31, “As for **God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried:** he is a buckler to all them that **trust** in him.”
 - ii. Psalms 33:4, “For **the word of the LORD is right;** and all his works are done **in truth.**”
- d. Truth is Progressive: 2 Peter 1:12, “Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and **be established in the present truth.**”
 - i. Progressive Revelation is Advanced Revelation:

1. Psalms 78:5-8, “For he **established** a testimony in Jacob, and **appointed** a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should **make them known to their children**: That **the generation to come might know them**, even **the children which should be born**; who should arise and **declare them to their children**: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.”
2. Hebrews 8:6, “But now hath he obtained a **more excellent** ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a **better** covenant, which was **established upon better** promises.”
3. 2 Peter 3:18, “But **grow in grace**, and **in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”
4. 2 Peter 1:5-8, “And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue**; and **to virtue knowledge**; And **to knowledge temperance**; and **to temperance patience**; and **to patience godliness**; And **to godliness brotherly kindness**; and **to brotherly kindness charity**. For if these things be in you, and **abound**, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
5. Philippians 4:7-9, “And the peace of God, which **passeth all understanding**, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, **whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report**; if there be **any virtue**, and if there be **any praise, think on these things**. Those things, which ye have both **learned**, and **received**, and **heard**, and **seen** in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

The End