

February 26, 2008

History & Heritage of the Bible

Tuesday Night—Session Three



PERFECTING: THE EVIDENCE AND THE ALTERNATIVES

I Samuel 14:24-30

Thesis:

The trouble with the truth is, it's always the same old thing, it's just what you need to hear, it ruins the taste of your sweetest lies, and it just won't let you rest

—Patty Loveless

I. FOOLISH NONSENSE IN THE FIGHT, 24-26

- A. Misdirected Words, 24
- B. Distressed Warriors, 25-26
 - 1. A fateful provision, 25
 - 2. A fool's prohibition, 26

II. FINDING SUSTENANCE IN THE FIELD, 27-30

- A. The Soldiers Fainting, 27-28
- B. The Son's Faith, 29-30

Point I. The deep things of God are only found when you have the true word of God.

Psalms 19:8,10 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is **pure, enlightening the eyes**. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than **honey** and the honeycomb.

Psalms 119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than **honey** to my mouth!

The Hebrew word "dropped" literally says, the honey **traveled** for them.

Pro 22:20-21 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

THE EVIDENCE IN HISTORY

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.

1. TYNDALE'S BIBLE—1526
2. COVERDALE'S BIBLE—1535
3. MATTHEW'S BIBLE—1537
4. THE GREAT BIBLE (Cranmer's Bible)—1539
5. THE GENEVA BIBLE—1560
6. THE BISHOP'S BIBLE—1568
7. THE KING JAMES BIBLE—1611

OF SCRIBES AND SCROLLS

OLD TESTAMENT

INITIALLY PRESERVED by Levitical priests, Deut 17:18; 31:24

SUBSEQUENTLY PRESERVED by priests who were scribes, Ezra 7:6,10

PRESENTLY PRESERVED in the Masoretic Text and Reformation translations, Rom 3:1

NEW TESTAMENT

INITIALLY PRESERVED by the Holy Spirit, John 16:13

SUBSEQUENTLY PRESERVED by the priesthood of believers, 1 Tim 6:14,20; 2 Cor 2:17; 2 Thes 2:15; 2 Tim 1:13

PRESENTLY PRESERVED in the Received Greek Text and Reformation translations, Acts 11:26



1 Samuel 14:24-30

GREAT REVOLUTIONS BASED ON “NEW DISCOVERIES” IN THE 1800S

- A revolution in politics called **socialism**—FAILED
 - A revolution in science called **evolution**—FRAUD
 - A revolution in psychology called **psychoanalysis**—FREUD
 - A revolution in religion called **textual criticism**—FLAWED
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THE ALTERNATIVES—GREEK TEXTS

Five unsaved men chose what should be in the NIV, NASB, NLT, CEV, ESV...

THE ALTERNATIVES—BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

The two lines of Bibles follow two different philosophies of translating:
Literal and Dynamic

THE FINAL CHOICE—THE AV 1611

View it **Skeptically or Believingly**

Psalms 84:5-6 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

Wycliffe called the valley of Baca the valley of tears.

Miles Coverdale and John Rodgers:

Which going thorough the vale of misery, use it for a well, and the pools are filled with water.

The Bishops Bible:

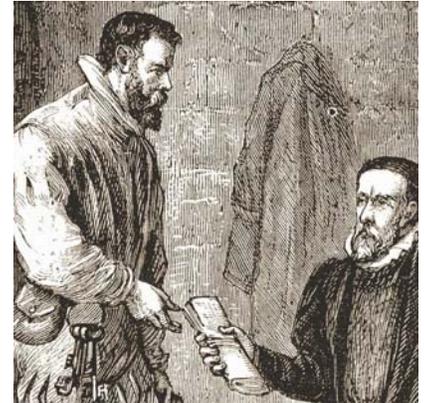
They journeying through the vale of tears: (yea when every cistern is filled with water) do accept it for a fair pleasant well.

Shepherd School of Ministry:

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History and Heritage of the Bible**

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| Sunday, Feb 24 | Connection: Establishing a Spiritual Mindset, <i>1 Sam 3:1-10</i> |
| Monday, Feb 25 | Direction: Examining God’s Hand in History, <i>2 Peter 1:21</i> |
| Tuesday, Feb 26 | Perfection: The Evidence and the Alternatives, <i>1 Sam 14:24-30</i> |
| Wednesday, Feb 27 | Conclusion: Dr. Jeff Adams |



WHEN THE SAINTS
by Sara Groves

*Lord I have a heavy burden of all I've seen and know
It's more than I can handle
But your word is burning like a fire shut up in my bones
and I cannot let it go*

*Lord it's all that I can't carry and cannot leave behind
it often overwhelms me
but when I think of all who've gone before
and lived the faithful life
their courage compels me
And when I'm weary and overwrought
with so many battles left unfought*

*I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard
I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars
I see the shepherd Moses in the Pharos's court
I hear his call for freedom for the people of the Lord
I see the long quiet walk along the Underground Railroad
I see the slave awakening to the value of her soul
I see the young missionary and the angry spear
I see his family returning with no trace of fear
I see the long hard shadows of Calcutta nights
I see the sisters standing by the dying man's side
I see the young girl huddled on the brothel floor
I see the man with a passion come and kicking down the door
I see the man of sorrows and his long troubled road
I see the world on his shoulders and my easy load*

*And when the Saints go marching in
I want to be one of them*