

**TRUTH B-P CHURCH**  
**Adult Sunday School**

**DOCTRINE OF THE VERBAL PLENARY PRESERVATION**  
**OF GOD’S WORD IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGES**

**LESSON SEVEN: BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR VPP (PART 2)**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

‘Whatever that promotes God and His Word, that must be from God!’ If you agree that this statement is true, then it goes without saying that the doctrine of VPP is also from God. The doctrine of VPP exalts God that His perfect Word is providentially preserved 100% today.

The belief that the Bible is not 100% preserved and contains mistakes, demotes God and adds to great insult to Him implying that He has failed to preserve His own Word perfectly today. This is a serious allegation against God. By believing the Bible is only perfect in the past and that only the Autograph is inspired but lost today, how will such a belief bring confidence to God’s people upon His precious Word? It will only dampen and destroy our confidence in God and His Word!

We must avoid standing on such a dangerous ground. <sup>25</sup> See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven: <sup>26</sup> Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. <sup>27</sup> And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: <sup>29</sup> For our God *is* a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:25-29).

In this lesson, we are going to study a few of the biblical proofs from the New Testament that teach the providential preservation of God’s Word.

**II. MATTHEW 5:17-18**

**“<sup>17</sup> Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup> 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.”**

These are the Words of our Lord Jesus Christ as part of His sermons on the Mount. He is addressing the Jews of His days how they had misunderstood the law of Moses and its application. In the course of teaching them how a child of God is to live for Christ after salvation, He listed out their misunderstanding of the law and taught them both the right understanding and application. He stressed to them that He is not coming to “destroy the law, or the prophets: ... but to fulfil.” In other words, the Lord is supporting the unfailing and supreme authority of the holy Scripture at such a time when the scribes and Pharisees had burdened the people by their own traditions above God’s Word. The standard in which God gave to man is still the perfect standard of the Bible for all generation. Nothing can be above God’s Word.

However, some have taken to mean that Jesus was referring only to the 10 commandments that He came to fulfill all righteousness in order to be our sinless sacrifice to be offered to God. But the Lord did not just mention the law, He also included “the prophets.” This is significant. The inclusion of “the prophets” means the rest of the prophetic books of the Old Testament. “The law” refers to the Pentateuch which are the first five books of the Old Testament.

The Lord was giving His total adherence to the whole Old Testament scripture which consists of both the Pentateuch and the rest of the Old Testament prophetic books. And He came not to abolish but to fulfil the whole Old Testament prophecies by His life and ministry on earth.

And for the first time (as recorded in Scripture), the Lord asserted His authority saying, “For verily I say unto you...” “Verily” means “truly” or “amen.” This is also significant because what the Lord is about to say is of great importance and of a great truth how the Word of God must be given special attention. It is so impactful that the duration of such importance is “till heaven and earth pass” which means everlasting. In other words, Jesus is saying that God’s Word is forever indestructible (see also Matthew 24:35). Even if the whole universe is gone and no more, the Word of God continues to exist from everlasting to everlasting.

And the Lord was not just speaking generally of the Scripture as a whole but even to the smallest letter (“a jot”) of the Hebrew alphabet, as well as a tiny stroke (“a tittle”) of a Hebrew letter will never be lost till all be fulfilled. The providential preservation of God’s Word is taught here by the Lord Himself. If the words are not preserved, where would be the truth of God’s Word be found? Are they not found and preserved in the preserved Word? If the Lord assures us that His Word be preserved to the last letter as well as the stroke of the letter, who are we to say such preservation is not perfect but only 99.9%?

If the work of preservation of God’s Word depends on men, then it is highly possible that the Bible can contain mistakes. But it does not depend on men. Scribal errors may have occurred in the Apographs, however the Lord promises to keep His Word free from all human errors. Do you believe the Word of our Lord or the word of men? God Himself will make sure that all errors are corrected in order that we may have His perfect Word in our hand today. That’s why we believe this is the providential work of God that indeed we have His inspired and preserved Word today in our hands. It is not lost. It is not somewhere out there but don’t know where.

In the Hebrew Masoretic text of the Old Testament and the Greek Textus Receptus of the New Testament underlying the King James Bible, we have these perfectly preserved texts throughout the ages. They were recognized by godly men during the time of the Reformation and continued to be upheld by the church ever since until the attack on Bible preservation surfaced in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The battle for the perfect Bible is far from over. We must continue to fight a good fight of faith for the perfect Bible until the Lord Jesus Christ returns.

### III. JOHN 10:35

**“If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;”**

Again, these are the Words of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ who was defending His deity as seen in the immediate context (see John 10:30-39). The Jews wanted to stone Him for making Himself equal to God. They refused to believe and accept Him for what He has claimed and the marvelous works He has done before their eyes. As such, the Lord replied them with a twofold answer.

The first answer He gave was (see verses 34 and 35) that men can be called gods according to God’s Word in Psalm 82:6. The “gods” here are referred to those who are endowed with the mandate and authority to rule and pass judgment. No one can refute this. Man can be called a god by this definition. Therefore, why should the Jews be upset with Jesus if they were to stick to this definition? For He taught according to God’s law and taught the people the things of God which are His authority.

In His second answer (see verses 37 and 38), He challenged them to look at the evident of His deity shown in the works which He has done according to Scripture. The Jews could have accepted Jesus for what He has taught the people. His teaching was consistent to the law of God. His works also exalted the name of God and how the people gave glory to God. They could have accepted Him as “god” but they didn’t.

In His twofold answer, it is a testimony to the truth that “the scripture cannot be broken.” What this means was that God’s Word stands true forever. The word “broken” means to destroy. God’s Word cannot be destroyed. It has stood firm in the past, and is still standing fast in the present, and will continue to stand unwavering even to the future. God’s Word will never be destroyed. The preservation is perfect and complete. Not one letter or word is lost! Men can say all they want and what they said will pass away one day. But God’s Word remains true and will forever stand.

#### IV. 1 PETER 1:23-25

**“<sup>23</sup> Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. <sup>24</sup> For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”**

In this passage (verses 24-25), we have Apostle Peter quoting from Isaiah 40:6-8 to emphasize the verity of God’s Word which has been preserved perfectly for His people. He was encouraging the believers to press on in the midst of their persecutions. And he assured them of their salvation which God has secured for them according to His precious Word. They can trust in God’s Word 100% and not be afraid of the suffering and even pertinent death which they might have to face as a result of standing fast on their faith.

This is also an excellent passage to teach how a believer is born again. And this doctrine of born again is a spiritual work that is based on the incorruptible Word of God. There is power in God’s Word to save a sinner from his condemnation in sin. Without the cleansing power of God’s Word (see also Ephesians 5:26), spiritual rebirth is impossible.

Thank God His Word will never fail and will always accomplish what He has promised to do. In comparing between man’s word and God’s Word, Apostle Peter borrowed from Isaiah to drive home the important point. Indeed, man’s word will not last. Man’s word lasts as long as he lives. And that is a very short time. But God is from everlasting to everlasting. And therefore, His Word lives and abides for ever. And God lives to make sure all that He has promised in His Word to come to pass accordingly and faithfully.

This is the God whom we are believing. And we know Him through His infallible, inerrant, inspired and preserved Word. And from the same Word, we know of the gospel of Jesus Christ. And when we believe upon hearing the gospel, this is how we are born again and obtained salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Are you born again? If you are, praise the Lord! For this is the powerful work of God through His perfect Word. How can we not believe in the perfect preservation of His inspired Words today? Our salvation rests upon such a premise. Without the perfect Word, we would not have obtained the perfect salvation in Jesus Christ. As much as it is by faith in Jesus Christ we are saved, let us also believe by faith in the perfect Scriptures which God has perfectly inspired and perfectly preserved for His people today.

## V. REVELATION 22:18-19

**“<sup>18</sup> 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: <sup>19</sup> 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.”**

These are the last Words of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ recorded by Apostle John. And last words are usually very important because these are the departing words which require great attention for the recipients. Who are the recipients? You and I are the recipients of these important words in this generation. The Lord Jesus was serious about how we receive His Word and how we pass on the same word unto others.

It seems by the immediate context, the Lord forbid anyone to add or subtract from the prophecy found in this apocalypse epistle. But by logical faith, we know it applies to the whole of Scripture as well. The whole Bible is His Word. If there is a name to be given to the holy Bible, the most appropriate name would be Jesus Christ. For He is the living Word who has given us His written Word.

Therefore, He gave specific instructions to ensure His 100% Word be passed on to the next generation in whole and not in part. And take note how the Lord stressed on the “words.” And these “words” were written down in ink or engraved in various forms which may change over time but the “words” remain the same. The “words” must remain intact and not be lost or change!

There is severe punishment for those who have the audacity to add or subtract from God’s Word. Should they add their own words to God’s Word, God will send plagues to punish them. Should they subtract from God’s Words, God will take their name out of the book of life. And the Lord is serious about it. Let us not play a fool with God’s Word. With such stern divine warning, it shows that God’s perfect Word will be preserved as they are being passed on from generation to generation. And may this generation be found faithful to pass on the inspired and preserved Scripture to the next generation, should the Lord tarries.

## VI. SUMMARY

The VPP position is not only biblical but also honourable. It is a position which exalts God to the highest. It gives all glory to His Name above all things. For His Word was perfect in the past, it is perfect even now and will be perfect forevermore. God’s Word is forever settled in heaven, providentially found in our hands today to be our perfect rule and guide. We have God’s perfect Word today, both inspired and preserved in the Hebrew Masoretic text of the Old Testament and Greek Textus Receptus of the New Testament underlying the King James Bible. May God help us. Amen.