

God's Wonderful Book (Part IV)

Psalm 12:6-7

"Preservation"

I. The Definition of Preservation

The work of God whereby, through sovereign providence, He has kept the inspired, inerrant words of the original autographs intact down through the ages so that we have the Word of God today.

II. The Different Views of Preservation

A. The _____ *Preservation* view

This view holds that inspiration of Scriptures is enough; there is no need of preservation.

B. The _____ *Preservation* view

Proponents hold that God has preserved the majority of His Word, but not all.

C. The _____ *Preservation* view

Defenders believe that God has indeed preserved His Word -- but only in heaven. Psalm 119:89 *"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."*

D. The _____ *Preservation* view

God has, by His providential care and oversight, preserved all His Words as they were being copied, keeping them intact for each generation.

III. The Doctrine of Preservation

A. It is Biblical because _____ teaches it.

1. Psalm 12:6-7

a. *"Thou shalt keep them"*: _____

b. *"thou shalt preserve them"*: _____

2. Psalm 33:11; 78:1-8; 100:5; 111:7-8; 117:2

3. Matthew 24:35

4. John 10:35

"the scripture cannot be broken": _____

5. I Peter 1:23-25

a. *"the word (logos) of God, which liveth and abideth for ever"*

• "logos": _____

b. *"the word (rhema) of the Lord endureth for ever"*

• "rhema": _____

B. It is logical in that _____ demands it.

1. It is logical that if God inspired His Word, He would also preserve His Word.

• What good would inspiration be without preservation?

2. It is reasonable to assume that if God said man is to live *"by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"*, that He would preserve every word. Matthew 4:4

IV. The Defining Factor for Preservation

A. Did God promise to preserve His Word?

Psalm 12:6-7

B. Does He have the power to do what He promised?

• Jeremiah 32:17; Luke 1:37

• Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

C. Therefore the believer should approach the issue from the standpoint of _____.