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BATTLE OVER THE BIBLE. (Challenge Reprint from May 1999)

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Sometimes it appears there is a lull in the war, but be assured the battle over the Bible still rages and will until our Lord comes. Every once in a while, there is the charge that KJV only believers are dividing the people of God; I have been accused of it many times by those who claim to be Bible believers.. Now, we are talking here about your basic Fundamental Baptists who claim to believe the Bible. Let's face it, there are many other issues over which Bible believers are divided; some valid and some invalid. However, I personally believe that there is no more fundamental or important issue than "where is the Word of God?" I believe to refuse fellowship over it is not only justifiable, but right. If we are to break fellowship with a brother because he is "covetous" (I Corinthians 5:11) or with one who "walks disorderly," how much more should we refuse fellowship with one who stands upon a faulty foundation and promotes heresy (which all modern versions do). This is a MAJOR issue - where is the pure Word of God? The truth is, users of the NIV, NASV, NKJV, etc. do not believe God. The primary issue today among Bible believers is not inspiration - all agree to that. But there is plenty of disagreement over just what is inspired! I believe God! Concerning His Words He said, "**O, Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.**" ~*Psalm 12:7*. "**The Word of our God shall stand forever.**" ~*Isaiah 40:8*. "**My Words shall not pass away.**" ~*Luke 21:33*. The issue is preservation! Did God perform what He promised? I believe He did. Believers in modern versions do not! These people tell us that all of the "good" Bibles contain the Word of God and therefore, there is nothing to argue about. But all modern versions basically agree with each other and disagree with the KJV in thousands of places. So called *good modern versions* (there are none) also agree with the bad versions like the RSV! Either one of the modern versions must be the Word of God or the KJV. You can't have it both ways. Check this out - all modern versions agree with the Roman Catholic Bible in the areas where there is a difference from the KJV. Something that is often ignored (I am afraid deliberately by many modern version promoters) is there are two basic types of manuscripts from which all Bible versions come. The KJV alone comes from the true ones, those labeled TR, while ALL modern versions come from corrupted ones (see our book). During the Reformation, every Reformer had been a Roman Catholic priest or monk (Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc.), not one used the Roman Catholic Bible (agrees with modern versions) as the basis for translation into his own language, but used the work of Erasmus which later became known as the TR, or Textus Receptus.

Personally, I have not divided anyone on this issue for I stand where I have stood since I was saved 48 (Now 59) years ago. I was as ignorant as anyone could be of God or the Bible but was saved reading the KJV. When I went to Bible college the faulty Westcott and Hort Greek New Testament was used in Greek class. I did not know the difference - I wasn't told there were two Greek texts. I was not preaching long before I realized that my Greek New Testament and my KJV Bible were miles apart. At first, I just said, "I'll stick with the Bible that saved me." Thank God! It must have been the Holy Spirit! Later, about thirty years ago (now over 40), I looked into the matter and came to the obvious conclusion (I think it will be if you can put aside your prejudices). Either God kept His promise to preserve His Word or He did not! Either we have the pure Word of God or we do not! Will you believe man or God? It doesn't sound like faith to me to say that God did not keep His promise. (Cont'd p. 3)

CORNERSTONE NEWS

DON'T MISS IT!

FRIEND DAY!!!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45

**DINNER UNDER THE TENT
(Free)**

GOSPEL SONG TIME - 1:30

EVENING SERVICE - 6:00



Gift for each Visitor at S.S. & Church!

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FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

(BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th)

**SUNDAY: Sunday School - 9:30
Church Service - 10:45
Training Hour - 5:30
Evening Service - 6:30**

WED: Prayer & Bible Study - 7:30

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

We are not your basic religious entertainment center! We are a Fundamental Baptist, Bible believing and preaching Church. We are not here to entertain carnal Christians, but to explain God's Holy Word. We do not lose your weight, or get you a mate. We do not teach judo nor seek to build up your ego. But if you would like to know what the Bible says about life and death, about eternity; if you are interested in reality, and not superficiality, if you are interested in learning and obeying God's Word, and not merely feeling good, this may just be the place you are looking for. **We invite you to join us Sundays at 9:30, 10:45, and 6:00; Wednesdays at 7:30.**

YOUTH CORNER

I'LL STAY WHERE YOU PUT ME!

I'll stay where You put me, I will, dear Lord,
Though I want so badly to go,
I was eager to march with the "rank and file,"
Yes, I wanted to lead them You know.
I planned to keep step to the music loud,
To cheer when the banner unfurled,
To stand in the midst of the fight, straight and proud,
Victorious before the whole world.

I'll stay where You've put me; I'll work, dear Lord,
Though the field be narrow and small,
And the ground be fallow and the stones lie thick,
And there seems to be no life at all.
The field is Thine own; only give me the seed;
I'll sow it with never a fear;
I'll till the dry soil while I wait for the rain,
And rejoice when the green blades appear.

I'll stay where You put me; I will dear Lord;
I'll bear the day's burden and heat,
Always trusting Thee fully! When even has come
I'll lay heavy sheaves at Thy feet.
And then when my earth work is ended and done,
In the light of eternity's glow,
Life's record all closed, I surely shall find
It was better to stay than to go. -Author Unknown

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

Do you know the difference between a horse and a hobby? You can get off the horse. - M.R.D.

Church members are like automobiles; they start missing before they quit.

The covetous person lives as if the world were made for him - to take in everything and give nothing.

It's not the hot weather that keeps one from church; it's a cold heart!

If you will not bend, God may just have to break you.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. A local newspaper had a small boxed off section which had the following sarcastic comment from the editor: "If you should find errors in this newspaper, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and there are some people who are always looking for mistakes."

BIBLE VERSION BOOKLET

"Is Your Bible Really The Word of God?" This book not only shows you why the KJV is the only true Bible in the English language but also reveals the errors in modern versions

\$3 each plus \$1.50 postage. 3 for \$9 pp. (U.S. \$)

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

FROM P.1. There can only be one Bible! In English, it is the KJV! I believe it! I preach it! You don't have to believe it. God impressed upon me 25 years ago (35) that I should not share the same platform or ministry with someone who does not stand on the true Word of God. Let me tell you why I do not work with those who preach from another bible. Modern version preachers have adopted a liberal, Roman Catholic bible. Westcott and Hort were liberals, even Romanists, though Anglicans; their Greek New Testament is the basis of all modern versions. Translators of the NASV, NIV, NKJV, are not exactly Fundamentalists. Thomas Nelson will not give the names of the NASV translators, but they've given the denominations: Congregationalist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Nazarene, Methodist, Disciples of Christ (a cult). Modern version promoters believe differently than I do. Could you build a house with a fellow who used a 30" yardstick? I do not know one preacher who holds to a modern version who does not say only the originals are inspired; *all versions have errors in them*. If that is so, there is no infallible Word of God today! God didn't keep His Word! I am not going to preach alongside someone who doesn't believe he can hold the pure Word of God in his hand! All modern versions have errors; serious omissions. We believe it's wrong and dangerous to confuse our testimony. It sends the wrong signal; others will assume we endorse, or condone, these versions. It's a natural conclusion. God says, **"Can two walk together except they be agreed?" ~Amos 3:3.** Especially on the foundation. *This is not trivial!* Many say we go by the Book, but do you have the right Book. Luther said, *"I do not want to know anything of peace and concord when the Word of God is thereby lost...It is not right for me here to draw back and to give way out of love toward you or any other man; before the Word everyone must give way, whether he be friend or enemy...Don't talk to me...of love and friendship if the Word and faith is to be compromised... Worldly things may go as they go; the devil has not yet gained anything by it. But if you err in such a way that he robs you of the Word of God, you have lost everything..."* Spurgeon paid the price leaving the Baptist Union in 1887 over inspiration of Scripture. He said, *"God's Word in this age is a small affair; some do not even believe it to be inspired; those who profess to revere it set up other books in a sort of rivalry with it. I don't understand loyalty to Christ which is accompanied by indifference to His words. Unless we have infallibility somewhere, faith is impossible. Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin."* AMEN!

RENOWNED ATHEIST OFFERS SOME GOOD THEOLOGY

[In] Portland, Oregon, noted atheist Christopher Hitchens laid down some seriously good theology. Most people recognize Hitchens as the author of the bestselling book *God Is Not Great: Why Religion Poisons Everything...*. In Portland he was interviewed by Unitarian minister Marilyn Sewell....The following exchange took place near the start of the interview: Sewell: "The religion you cite in your book is generally the fundamentalist faith of various kinds. I'm a liberal Christian, and I don't take the stories from the Scripture literally. I don't believe in the doctrine of atonement (that Jesus died for our sins, for example). Do you make any distinction between fundamentalist faith and liberal religion?" Hitchens: "I would say that if you don't believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ and Messiah, and that he rose again from the dead and by his sacrifice our sins are forgiven, you're really not in any meaningful sense a Christian." Sewell wanted no part of that discussion so her next words are, "Let me go someplace else." This little snippet demonstrates an important point about religious "God-talk." You can call yourself anything you like, but if you don't believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died on the cross for our sins and then rose from the dead, you are not "in any meaningful sense" a Christian. In one of the delicious ironies of our time, an outspoken atheist grasps the central tenet of Christianity better than many Christians do. What you believe about Jesus Christ really does make a difference. -TBC (4/23/10)

WHY WE HAVE "NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT."

We are not of the persuasion that the Church is in the world to change the world. Of course, there have been times in human history when God's people have had a positive effect, but we are not called to change the world. However, we believe Christians should be aware of the nature of the times. Ignorance may be bliss, but it also may be disastrous! It was said of David's mighty men: **"...men that had understanding of the times and knew what Israel ought to do."** About one hundred years ago a well-known Baptist preacher, I.M. Haldeman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City said, *"The general concept of the Church in the world is that it is here to make the world better... On the contrary, it is here to testify that the world cannot be made better. The Church is here to warn men of the hell that awaits every soul outside of Christ."* God says to His people: **"Awake unto righteousness and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."** ~I Corinthians 15:34. If nothing else, most of the news today should cause the Christian to look up, for **"our redemption draweth nigh."**

GOD FIRST NOT LAST

Vance Havner related the story of an elderly lady who was greatly disturbed by her many troubles, both real and imaginary. Finally, she was told in a friendly way by her family, “Grandma, we have done all we can for you. You will just have to trust God for the rest.” A look of utter despair came over her face as she replied, “Oh, has it finally come to that?” Havner commented: “Yes, it always comes to that, so we might as well begin with that! God’s word tells us to bring every concern once and for all to the Lord. Since He offers to handle our problems, why not let Him? Let us go about our daily tasks expecting God to take care of us, while we care about our duties. If a child were to ask his parents everyday, ‘Are you sure you will always want me and watch over me?’ he would break his parents hearts and ruin his own happiness. The trusting youngster goes his way undisturbed, assured that his parents love him and will provide all of his needs. Because the Lord is wise and compassionate, we can depend on Him to do the same.” Is it not true that we who are children of the King often act as if He were not interested in our well being? We need to remember that His promises are also true. He has said, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”** ~*Matthew 6:33-34*. May the Lord help us to seek God and His help first – not last!

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GOSSIP CAN BE MURDER

Christians are told by the Lord that we are to **“love one another.”** And yet how prevalent is gossip in our churches. The Bible says, **“If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.”** ~*James 3:2*. Perhaps the most difficult thing we have to do is to control that little member which is **“a world of iniquity.”** The person who gossips knows nothing about the love of God. It says in I Peter 4:8, **“...(Love) shall cover the multitude of sins.”** As far as I know the following is true. Years ago an awful rumor was spread concerning a faithful minister who had been used of God. It split the Church and the Pastor’s credentials were taken from him. Being a sensitive man, he could no longer face the public and spent most all of his time in his own home. One day he passed away suddenly. His doctor said he truly died of a broken heart. He simply could not bear the strain of such charges. Not long after his death, all the rumors concerning him were proved false. I can only imagine what happened to the folks who spread that vicious gossip, when they stood before the Lord. Perhaps, they were not saved. I have been a Pastor for fifty-four years and I have not seen any sin so adversely affect the work of God as gossip, slander. In speaking of the misuse of the tongue, the Book of James says, **“This wisdom descendeth not from above, but it is earthly, sensual, devilish.”** ~*James 3:15*. God also says, **“He that uttereth a slander is a fool.”** ~*Proverbs 10:18*. If you have uttered some gossip about another, seek God and the other person for forgiveness now!