

Wonders of the Bible

This is our second lesson on perhaps the greatest subject in the Bible: the source book from which all biblical doctrine is taken, the Bible itself. As you know, the longest chapter in the Bible is about *the Bible*, Psalm 119. So, when we study the Bible in these *Theological Studies*, we are studying the most important thing we probably will ever study, as all other doctrines are contingent upon its accuracy.

Now, in our last lesson we pointed out how the modern Fundamentalists are going into apostasy, led by the faculty members of Christian universities and colleges. This is done by the refusal to intelligently quote (or read) 2 Timothy 3:16, which is *not* a reference to the *original manuscripts*. Every apostate Fundamentalist in America today, including the most "godly" and most dedicated and recognized and "qualified" (you know the party line), insists that 2 Timothy 3:16 is a reference to the *original manuscripts*. In the context, of course, it is *not*. There are no books on "verbal, plenary inspiration" of the Scripture that dare quote 2 Timothy 3:15, which is the context of verse 16.

Christian colleges and universities are leading America into apostasy because they *profess* to believe something that they do not *believe*. When you hear the modern apostate Fundamentalist say, "The Bible *is* the word of God. It does

not *contain* the word of God. It *is* the word of God," he is lying like a Persian rug, and he knows he is lying when he says it. There is no major Christian university or college in America that believes THE Bible IS the word of God. What they believe is the ORIGINAL manuscripts WERE the word of God. Their proof for this is a verse taken out of context, 2 Timothy 3:16. So, the Christian should be very careful never to follow the leadership of these apostate Fundamentalists, whose institutions were built on the *King James Bible* and who still "use" (that's the term) or "prefer" (that's the term) the *King James Bible*, not because they *believe* it, but because they would lose their income and their enrollment if they didn't profess to believe it.

We have in America today, in the Laodicean age, the final act of apostasy in the Body of Christ led by the Christian educators; these educators *are living a lie in order to get their attendance, their enrollment, and their income*. They are making the student think that they believe the *King James Bible* is the word of God by all kinds of fancy little doo-dads. For example, BJU will have what they call a great "Fundamental Congress" someplace, and everybody will come in and put on a big show and sign a big paper about the "verbal, plenary" claptrap, so forth and so on, and make you *think* they believe the Bible *is* the word of God. They are not talking about the Bible. When they talk about "inspiration" from 2 Timothy 3:16 they are never making any reference to the "**scriptures**" or the Bible. They are making a reference only to manuscripts that nobody has ever found. The term "**scripture**" in the

Bible is never used in that sense. I don't know of a single case in the New Testament where the term "**scripture**" is ever a reference to the original manuscripts. If there is, I would like to have you show it to me. *Nobody in the New Testament had any original manuscripts.*

So, we see the final act of the professional liar is going to be carried out by the Fundamentalists in the Body of Christ. This final act is standing up in the pulpit and professing something they do not *believe*.

At Bob Jones University they have a sign warning the speaker to use only the *King James Bible* in the pulpit. Do you know why this was done? To prevent them from losing their enrollment. Their student body is made up (80%) of Christian young people who came from churches that were founded by the teaching and preaching of the *King James Bible*. They put a little note under the podium to warn the fellow, not because they believe the *King James Bible* is the word of God, but simply to keep "the boat from rocking."

Now, *that* is what is going on in America today. If you don't believe it, I suggest you check it out before you contradict me, since I know what I am talking about and *you* don't. I would also suggest that you take the last ten publications by the last fifty leading Fundamentalists in America and find out how many of them use the *King James Bible*, not because they believe the Bible is the word of God, but because they "prefer" it. You see, if they didn't "prefer" it, people wouldn't listen to them. I have on my desk letters from *every major Fundamental leader in America*

(or from his faculty members) regarding this. There is not one major Christian seminary, college, or university in America that believes the Bible is the Scripture, nor do they believe that there is such a thing as "The Bible." If you ever find such a man, would you please introduce me to him? I will pay his way down here and back just to meet him.

These men are professional liars, and that can be proven in court in less than fifteen seconds. When they say "The Bible," they are referring to a book that none of them has ever gotten his hands on or has ever seen. When they say, "the Bible is the word of God," they use the wrong tense: they believe the Bible WAS the word of God, *if* anybody could ever find it. Now, if you think I am lying, or being cruel or harsh or crude or impolite, I would suggest that you investigate the facts before you talk about something you know nothing about.

All right, next to the gift of Christ and the Holy Spirit, *the Bible* is the greatest gift ever given to man. Next to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, the kiss of God on the lost soul of man is the Holy Bible.

Sir Walter Scott, himself the author of many books (who possessed a great library), said, "There is only one Book and that is the Bible."

John Wanamaker said, "That's the Book. You ought to read it."

Robert E. Lee, the General of the Confederacy, said, "That's the Book. There is no book like it."

The testimony of Ulysses S. Grant, the testimony of John Quincy Adams, the testimony of

Benjamin Franklin, and the testimony of Thomas Jefferson is that the Bible is a unique Book like no book in this world.

The Bible is the oldest book in existence. It required sixteen centuries to write it, and the first writer died 1,450 years before the last writer was born. Not one book in a thousand lasts more than five years; not more than one book in 10,000 lasts more than twenty years; there isn't one book in 100,000 books published that lasts more than one hundred years. I'll say it again, there is not one book in a 100,000 publications that lasts more than one hundred years. Three-quarters of the Bible was written before the Greeks had a civilization, and the Bible is still here after twenty-five centuries. The whole Bible was written before Mohammed or Buddha had finished their teachings. As a matter of fact, the whole Bible was written before *Mohammed* was born.

There are seven crowning wonders of the Bible:

I. The wonder of its *formation*. One book written in one place in one language, another book written in another country centuries later in another language, with all of them coming together to teach future events that have not yet taken place.

II. The wonder of its *unification*. It is a library of sixty-six books, yet only one book, for it has but one Author, the Holy Spirit. There are no contradictions in the *Authorized Version*. You say, "Prove it." YOU DISPROVE IT. In America the courts of jurisprudence teach that a culprit is innocent until found guilty. The blanket condemnation of the *Authorized Version* by

supercilious dunces who think that thirty years of education equips them to be intelligent is no substitute for proof.

Nobody has ever proved *conclusively* there is one contradiction in the *Authorized Version*; nor will they ever, unless they find it with the lithographer or the man who set up the type wrong or the print, in which case it was taken off the market and the corrections were made. I'll grant you can find mistakes in any Bible that have been done by the lithographer or the printer. But when I speak about *contradictions*, you know exactly what I am talking about, and you never found one in the *King James Bible* yet. Neither did your teacher.

You say, "Well, what about . . ." We teach *those* to high school students. You say, "What about the case where . . ." We cover *all that* in the first year for the freshmen. "What about this case where . . ." Well, if you had any sense you wouldn't have believed them in the first place. You say, "Well, my teacher told me . . ." He ain't got a lick of sense. He ain't got no more than you got.

Any man who tells you there are contradictions in the *Authorized Version* is not an intelligent man. He may be a Hebrew or Greek scholar, and he may have taught Hebrew or Greek for thirty-five years and had thirty years of formal education; but he ain't got a lick of sense. If he did, he would not talk like a ding-a-ling.

At Pensacola Bible Institute, when a young man comes here, we teach him all the 400 "apparent contradictions" that are taught to students at the other Christian colleges and universities.

We have never yet had one of those "apparent contradictions" out of 400 that couldn't be answered by a man with a high school education. Therefore, the men with the seminary education are simply lying, or they are simply stupid. Now, you take your pick. I'm not going to call *all* of them liars. However, I will certainly call a man a liar who stands in the pulpit and says, "The Bible is the word of God" and waves it in the air when he hasn't got a Bible, doesn't *believe* the Bible, and doesn't think the one he has in his hand is the Bible. Now, THAT is a liar. Why, Tom Paine and Voltaire were paid thousands of dollars and francs for getting up and denying the word of God. But these dumb Fundamentalists, they're only getting about \$200 a week to deny the word of God. They are rascals and fools in one compound.

III. The wonder of its age. The Bible is by far the most ancient of all books. *The Book of the Dead* is not a real book, as anybody knows. *The Book of the Dead* is a compilation of *scraps* taken out of coffins in Egypt and assembled by somebody in a random, helter-skelter order to try to teach some kind of religion. You don't find that in the word of God. Listen brother, there are whole chapters in the word of God that do not deal with *religion* at all. They deal with *pure history*. There are verses in the word of God that deal at length with *philosophy* and *scientific* facts. I can show you twenty scientific facts, written before Christopher Columbus, that nobody knew about until after Christopher Columbus. You won't find them in *The Book of the Dead*.

I have a list of all the ancient literature writ-

ten in B.C., before the time of Christ. There is nothing in the Hindu literature that could come anywhere near the Bible, and the Hindu literature does not constitute a true "book." The Hindu literature and the Brahman literature never hazard a guess on any future event, and the reason is very simple: whoever wrote them did not know what was going to take place. The final test of that Book is prophecy. The Bible said "**the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**" (Rev. 19:10). Alongside that Monarch of the books, the feeble rantings and ravings of Jean Dixon, Edgar Cayce, Kahlil Gibran, Nostradamus, and Mother Shipton look like little, old, rotten eggs tucked into a basket, buried down in a sand dune.

Listen! That Book hazards forty-eight prophecies about an individual before he is born. There is nothing in the Brahman or Hindu literature that could come anywhere near it or even attempt it. There is nothing in the Shastas or Puranas or the Bhagavad-Gita or the Tripitaka that would even attempt it. If you had on your table the entire writings of every Hindu and Brahman and Buddhist who ever lived, you couldn't find as many prophecies about the history of America and Europe in 30,000 pages of their literature as I can show you in five pages of the *Authorized Version*. How do you explain that? I mean, you people who turn up your nose at the Bible, aren't you rather ridiculous? I'm talking to you doctors and lawyers and bankers and theological professors: aren't you rather stupid to turn up your nose at a Book that can pull something off that you wouldn't even *try* (and that you have never seen before in your life and you

don't have access to)? Aren't you a little naive?

IV. The wonder of its *sales*. The Bible is the best-seller of all time, and it has always had more sales than any other two books combined. The *King James Bible* has outsold more copies than any other four translations combined. If you combined the number of sales of the *NASV*, the old *ASV*, the *NIV*, and the so-called *Living Bible*, they couldn't come up to half the sales of the *King James Bible*, which has put out 1,000,000,000 copies, not counting the translations into 800 foreign languages. It is the "Monarch of the books" and the "King of the mountain."

Alongside the *King James 1611 Bible*, the so-called *Living Bible* (which is not a Bible but a paraphrase) is a kiddie toy for Campfire Girls. That old *King James Bible* has gone out to the tune of one billion copies, sometimes at the rate of 20,000 per day. All the other bibles must adopt its cover, its verse system, its chapter system, its concordance system, its reference system, and its print system in order to stay on the bookshelves. There hasn't been one translation put out since 1800 that eventually didn't have to get a black cover to sell, then had to get a concordance and center references to sell. Now they are having to go into giant print because the *King James Bible* has gone to giant print, and the new versions have to follow suit.

The standard for American Bibles is the *King James Authorized Version*; the American standard, the English standard, the German standard, the Chinese standard, and the solar system standard is one Book. The reason why all new versions have to keep alibiing about bringing up

words in the *King James* is the *King James* is the standard. When the *RSV* came out it did not compare itself to the *ASV*. When the *ASV* came out it did not compare itself to the *RV*. When the *NRSV* came out it did not compare itself to the *NASV*. When the *NASV* came out it did not compare itself to the old *ASV*. When the *Living Bible* came out it did not compare itself to the *New English Bible*. When the *New English Bible* came out it did not compare itself to the *RV*. Every translation put on the market by every money-making huckster on this earth had to compare itself with the *King James 1611 Authorized Version* to sell, thereby admitting against their will, that there is one standard Bible that is worldwide (and it is not the so-called *New American Standard*, which is the standard for absolutely nothing). The reason why *all* bibles compare themselves to the *King James* is because the *King James* is the absolute standard. The next ten versions that come out will have to compare themselves with the *King James Bible*.

V. The wonder of its *interest*. It is the only book that is read by all classes and ages of mankind. It is read by Ph.D.'s and children. It is read by all nations. In Japan you have two Bibles, the devil's bible and the Lord's Bible. If you don't believe it, write Timothy Pietsch at the Radio Bible Class in Tokyo. In India you have two Bibles, the Lord's Bible and the devil's bible. If you don't believe it, write to Jacob Chelli over there, who puts up schools all over the country. In South America and Mexico you have two Bibles, the Lord's Bible and the devil's bible. If you don't believe it, contact Brother Howell in Honduras. In America you

have two Bibles, the Lord's Bible and the devil's bible. The Lord's Bible is the *King James Bible*. The devil's bible is the Alexandrian Vaticanus and Sinaiticus, which are the background for the ASV, the NASV, NIV, Weymouth, Moffatt, Goodspeed, Green Dragon, Maggie and Jiggs, Mickey Mouse, Peanuts, Pogo, *New English Bible*, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

VI. The wonder of its *language*. It is written largely by uneducated men, yet it is considered a literary masterpiece.

VII. Above all, the wonder of its *preservation*. It has been the most hated of all books. *Fundamentalists* make fun of it. *Neo-Orthodox* people hate it. *Neo-Evangelicals* ignore it. Nationwide evangelists suggest you get other bibles instead of it. Time and time again, kings and governments have sought to burn the *King James Bible* or abolish it. Yet, God has preserved it for us today, and it can be found in almost every home. There is nobody in America who can't get a *King James Bible* in less than two hours after you read this book. In spite of Christian scholarship, in spite of Christian Universities and Colleges, we still have the infallible word of God in our own language, the *King James 1611 Authorized Version*. In spite of the work of the fundamental apostates and in spite of the damaging, destructive, deadly work of A. T. Robertson, Kittel, Bob Jones III, Robert Sumner, Doug Kutilek, Aland, Warfield, Nestle, Wuest, and the rest of the hyper-critics, we can still obtain a copy of God's word.
