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## Psalms 12:6-8—God Preserved His Word

### I. Review

We have been looking at one of the greatest passages in the Bible on God's perfect word.

*Psalms 12:6-8. The words of the LORD [are] pure words: [as] silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

*7. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

*8. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted. (Psalms 12:6-8)*

We defined the *silver tried in a furnace of earth*. We spent a lot of time talking about what it means to be *purified seven times*. I took you through the Old Testament showing that God, through nations and men, kept His scriptures. I walked you through New Testament church history and showed you how God used nations and men, through the furnace of earth, to give us a pure Bible for today.

History is an amazing thing. Most people who study and teach history fall victim to a very complex system of history. When you take history courses in school, it looks very involved. That's because Gentiles and Gentile history will always project anything they do in a very complicated way. If I've learned anything in my time in the Bible, it's that **not only does God make the Bible simple to understand, but history as well. History must be built around the Bible and the God of history. When you do that, history becomes easy to understand by breaking it down and putting the pieces together to see how it all fits.**

When you look at Gentile history, it's so easy to get caught up in everything that's going on to the point that you end up studying things that really have no value to them. When you look at history from God's perspective, God simplifies it into three simple phases. It has to do with God moving through history to accomplish His plan.

#### ➤ History in Three Simple Phases from God's Perspective

1. The first phase is the Middle East. You will find that this will cover the complete Old Testament which is built around the development of the nation of Israel. God doesn't care about any of the other empires out there. **God is focused on the Middle East in the Old Testament—establishing His people as a nation. Once you understand that, and that becomes your focus, everything else is just on the sidelines.** That will basically bring us all the way up to the first coming of Christ.

2. The second phase is Europe. God now, through His plan, is focusing on another piece of land which is going to be the home base for where He's going. This will be Europe. **After the first coming of Christ, the gospel comes in through Paul from Asia Minor all the way up into Europe. God begins to focus and build, in the early church period, a home base in Europe that is going to become everything from which the world is going to receive the word of God.** We talked last week about how Europe developed. We see England and how God now is ready by 1500-1600 to take the word of God to the ends of the Earth. He just had to get it into a perfect form.
  
3. The third phase is England and the United States of America. I don't have time to lay out for you the parallels between the nation of Israel and the United States. God had a plan for the nation of Israel to take His Old Testament to the known world, and it happened by I Kings 10; however, the devil got into the details, and they went into captivity some 400-500 years later. God did the same exact thing with the United States. **Only two nations in the history of mankind, Israel and the United States, were established when they began on the word of God.** It's very clear when you see how God is moving down through history that He had plans for America just like He did for the nation of Israel. The parallels between the two are incredible.

➤ God Had a Plan for America

England starts out going to the ends of the earth, but she's an island nation. She is limited in what she can do, but God brought Bible believing Christians to America with the pilgrims. **Every settler in the pilgrim group that came over in 1600 had either lost someone or had been persecuted themselves by the Roman Catholic Church. They came to seek religious freedom—to establish a nation where they could teach their children the word of God as well as worship God and preach the Bible without any fear of persecution.**

Christopher Columbus is given the credit for discovering America, although he really didn't discover America. He was a Roman Catholic sent out by Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain. They financed the trip because of the gold they had heard about. If you look at the course he set trying to find the new world, although he has no idea where he's going, it's set on a direct course for the East coast; however, his crew is almost to the point of mutiny. They had been sailing a long time and supplies were low. One day he saw some land birds flying and, knowing that land was near, he altered his course to follow the birds. He wound up landing in the Caribbean. **My point is this: every place they landed became Roman Catholic. God used those birds to get Columbus off course from landing in America; otherwise, America would have been claimed by Spain and would have become Roman Catholic.**

God had a plan for America and made sure that the Roman Catholic Church did not set foot here first. The Pilgrims came over as Bible believers with the Geneva Bible which is the forerunner of the King James 1611 Authorized Version. The United States was established on the East coast, with the original 13 colonies, by two of the greatest preachers that believed and preached the word of God—Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield. **God had plans for America to**

**take the Bible to the ends of the earth.** America had the natural resources, manpower, and technology that were needed.

**History moves by God moving to accomplish what He wants to accomplish and then the devil moving to stop it, and that's exactly what happened with the Nation of Israel and America.** The parallels are incredible. By 1850-1880, America is on her way out.

➤ Throughout History God Worked through Three Universal Languages

1. Hebrew: In the Old Testament, it was Hebrew.
2. Greek: After Alexander the Great and the Greek Empire had conquered the known world, the universal language had now become Greek. The New Testament was written in Greek as God was moving from Israel to the Gentiles.
3. English: As time progressed and God moved into His final phase, the third universal language became English, which brings us into the modern period of church history.

➤ Bible Numerology

I gave you the seven English translations (1392 Wycliffe Bible, 1532 William Tyndale Bible, 1537 Coverdale Bible, 1537 Matthew Henry Bible, 1539 Coverdale Bible, 1560 Geneva Bible, 1568 Bishop Bible) that came out of England as the English language was perfected which brought us up to the eighth translation, which is the King James 1611. In your Bible, certain numbers mean certain things; however, keep in mind that when it comes to Bible Numerology, you never want to make a number say anything that God doesn't make it say.

- **Three** is the number of completion, so everything God does is in threes.
- **Seven** is the number of perfection, so everything God does is in a pattern of sevens.
- **Eight** is the number of new beginnings, so with the eighth translation in its perfect form, it's a new beginning for Christianity. This period in church history has come to be known as the church of the open door—the Philadelphian church age. Philadelphia means “brotherly love.” It's a time period of about 400 years where the word of God, through a King James Bible, goes around the world three or four times and three-fourths of the world is won to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I showed you a brief picture of England with the kings and the queens and how God used that to get everything where He wanted it to be. God used England to get the word of God to the world as a seafaring nation.

I also showed you the two great battles going on. First it was the battle for the Bible, and we know the devil tried to destroy and suppress the word of God. The first words out of his mouth in Genesis 3:1 are “*Yea, hath God said,*” then he changed what God said and has been following that pattern ever since.

The second great battle was the battle for England. England was crucial. You’ve got to look behind the scenes. **All the political drama and religious turmoil that the writers of history want to teach you is nothing more than God behind the scenes using men and nations to get a perfect Bible to the common man throughout the world.**

The eighth English translation (the King James Bible) was the new beginning for the church. After the dark ages and the reformation, we find the church of the open door which goes through England, and in time God expands it to America. History and the Bible must go hand in hand. Most pastors, teachers, and Christians separate the two. **The God of the Bible is also the God of history. You lose one and you will lose the other as far as understanding is concerned.**

## II. Do You have the Perfect Word of God in Your Hands Today?

Now that I’ve laid all of this out, I want to talk to you today about God preserving His word. We will be covering Psalms 12:7-8.

*7. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

*8. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted. (Psalms 12:7-8)*

There is a question that every Christian must answer. It’s a question that becomes the foundational question of Christianity, and it’s a simple one. **The question is simply this—do you have the perfect word of God in your hands today that you can read?** I’m not asking if you have the teachings of Christ or the message of God. I’m not talking about whether you have the fundamentals down; rather, **do you have in your life today the very pure, perfect word of God without error?** If you do not, then Christianity is no different from anything else the world has to offer. Most people don’t realize the importance...that you must have a perfect word today.

Scholarship has bamboozled God’s people. They have stolen the word of God from them. They sow a lot of misinformation and damnable heresy all for the purpose of destroying the Book that God gave you. **Most people do not understand that the only thing that sets Christianity apart from every other religion in the world, and everything the world has to offer, is the perfect word of God in a Book in a common universal language that you and I can have and from which we can read the very words of God.** It’s just that simple. If you don’t have it, you don’t have anything. The truth from God is what sets it apart.

Christianity has only ever been based on two supernatural things:

- The Supernatural Son of God
- The Supernatural Word of God

And if you don't have them both, you're kidding yourself.

### III. Absurd Reasons Bible Scholars Give on Why you Can't have a Perfect Bible

I want to give you some of the absolute insane and absurd reasoning of the educated Bible scholars on why you can't have a perfect Bible. It's things like this that are why I'm so totally against higher Christian education. I think secular higher education is very important if you're going to follow certain fields such as medicine, dentistry, and other fields where you service people.... but not when it comes to the word of God. **God never ordained any organization outside the local church to be the protector and keeper of the word of God and to teach it.** That's lost today, but it doesn't change it. The old Chinese proverb says *if 100 million people believe a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.* It's just that simple.

All Bible colleges, universities, seminaries, and the scholarship that they put forth in the so-called name of God all have one goal—to destroy your faith in a perfect word of God. We call it the *Ye hath God said Society* out of Genesis 3. **Once they get you to reject that the Bible is perfect and complete, they want you to look to them.** Instead of the Holy Spirit and a perfect Bible telling you what the Bible says, you run to your Greek and Hebrew scholar, and he will tell you what the Bible says.

1. **They will tell you that you cannot have a perfect Bible today because it comes through man, and man as a sinner could never keep it perfect.** They will say that man will make mistakes and contradictions.

God brought His son, who was perfect, through a long line of men who were not perfect (Luke 3). At His birth in Luke 2, the sinless Son of God was sent through a sinner named Mary. In Luke 1:46-56, Mary herself said *My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.* **Just as God brought His perfect Son through a sinner, and preserved Him sinless, so He brought forth His word through sinful men and kept it perfect.** *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (John 1:14).*

In the Old Testament, the scribes kept it pure. They were the only ones who were allowed to touch it. They were the priest class, and the custodianship in the Old Testament of the word of God was relegated to the priest class. The book of Hebrews says that every born-again child of God is the New Testament priest class. **Just as the custodianship of the Old Testament was given to the scribes, which were the priest**

class, the custodianship of the word of God is given to the priest class within the local church today.

2. **They will tell you that only the original Greek text was perfect and inspired.** If that's the case, you really have a problem. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:16, *All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable.* The original Greek text was not scripture; yet here in my Bible, it says *all scripture is given by inspiration of God.* That wasn't the original. **Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:15 that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures.** Really? You mean Timothy had the originals...Genesis, Exodus, the gospels? Of course not! **Timothy had the scriptures, and whatever he had Paul said was holy.** Nobody today has the original Greek text.

You'll find on your Bible the words "Holy Bible." The word Bible means "books." Here's the problem: **if the perfect word of God is in the original, there never was a time in 6,000 years of history where all the original manuscripts (Greek and Hebrew) were ever to be found in one single book.** Therefore, nobody in the history of the world has ever seen them, read them, touched them, or owned them. So, when you talk about the Bible being preserved, perfect, and inspired in the original, you are talking about a Bible that never existed.

3. **They will reject the English language as the universal language today.** I had a guy, who was very educated, tell me one time that English couldn't be the universal language today. He asked about all the people in the world who don't speak English. I asked him about all the people in the world who don't speak Greek and Hebrew. There are 8.1 billion people on planet earth, and one millionth of a percent that fluently speak Greek and Hebrew today. Now the Greek language they speak in Greece is not the Greek in the Bible. He was basically telling me that one millionth of a percent of the world's population are the only ones who can get the true word of God unless they came to him.

Here's the question, and you must answer it. Do you have the absolute, perfect, inspired word of God today in your lap? The answer to that is yes, you do.

**There's a great debate today over inspiration and preservation.** They want to make them two different things. **They will say God inspired the word of God, but it isn't preserved; however, what good is the fact that once upon a time God inspired something in history if He wasn't God enough to preserve it down through history? If He's God enough to inspire it, He's God enough preserve it.** And He did. He did it through the true line—the church; the priest class, and not through education.

➤ God Kept His Word Pure

*Psalms 12:7. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

God kept His word, just like in the Old Testament through the priest class: *in a furnace of earth, purified seven times*. The New Testament true church starts in Antioch and goes right up through history with the New Testament priesthood with the true church. **Any time in history you will find that true line.** In the dark ages it was greatly overshadowed by the Roman Catholic Church. Before the Dark Ages started, it was overshadowed by all the educated people out of Alexandria, Egypt. But it was always there. God kept His word just like He did in the Old Testament.

When you look at the church and you get the big picture of what God is doing, you will see, if you're paying attention, that all down through church history from when the church started in Antioch that the true Biblical line in every period of church history had a doctrinal issue that they had to deal with—something that popped up that was going to take God from them or some heresy that somebody conjured up that they tried to infiltrate into the church that would have absolutely destroyed that church. There were seven of them to match the seven periods of church history.

## IV. Heresies the True Church had to Deal with in Each of the Seven Periods of Church History

1. Attack on the Resurrection of Christ. In the first 400 years of Christianity, after Christ goes back to heaven in Acts 1, the early church had to deal with an attack on the doctrine of the resurrection of Christ. Did Christ really come out of the tomb? All during that time, the devil had put forth the idea, through educated men, that Christ didn't really die. They came up with the "Swoon Theory"—Christ passed out because of the agony of the cross, but when they put Him in the tomb, it was nice and cool and revived Him. He got up and walked out, and He really didn't die. Listen up! **If Jesus Christ didn't die, we're still in our sins.**

The thing that sets Christianity apart from every other religion is that we can't have any piece of the founder. You could be a Buddhist with Buddha's foot in a glass jar in your office, but you can never be a Christian and have one piece of Jesus Christ. You know why? He arose! **He was dead, buried, and rose again the third day, and that is the essence of the Gospel in 1 Corinthians Chapter 15.**

2. Attack on the Deity of Christ: He wasn't really Virgin Born. For years the devil tried to infiltrate into the church the idea that Jesus wasn't really God's Son. Some said that He was the illegitimate son of a Roman soldier while others said Joseph was really His father. Now they try to take away the second greatest doctrine found anywhere in Christianity—the virgin birth. The Council of Nicaea was called in 325 A.D. to try to deal with that heresy.
3. Baptism for Salvation. Time moves on. The Roman Catholic Church comes to power with Constantine, and we enter the Dark Ages. The Roman Catholic Church is greatly persecuting the true church, and the teaching comes out that you must be baptized to go

to heaven. Now the church must stand up to the horrendous heresy that will send you straight to hell—that baptism will save you, and it will wash away all your sins. All down through church history, in every church period, God was moving, and the devil through higher (Christian) education was countering what the true church was believing based on the word of God.

4. The Doctrine of A-Millennialism and Post-Millennialism. By the time we get up to the middle of the Dark Ages, the devil brings in another heresy through the Roman Catholic Church. Simply stated that Jesus Christ is not going to literally return like the Bible teaches (A-millennial). The other view (Post-millennial) is that He comes back after the millennium. Many people began to buy into it, but the true church always stayed with the Book (Pre-millennial).

It was during this time that if you had one of the Old Latin or the Old Syriac Bibles off the original text from Antioch (the true text) it was a capital offense punishable by death. Millions were killed for their love for the word of God; the same Bible that most of God's people reject today and won't read even if they do have it.

5. Calvinism. When we get to the Reformation, which was about 1500 in England and Scotland, John Calvin came up with the idea of Calvinism. It basically teaches that God didn't die for everybody. Calvin comes on the scene saying that God had pre-ordained some people to go to heaven and pre-ordained some to go to hell. If you're one of the pre-destined people to go to heaven, you're going to go to heaven no matter what happens. If you're one of the people pre-destined to go to hell, you're going to go to hell, and there's nothing anybody can do about it. **The result of this is that people don't win others to Christ.** It is a heresy straight out of the pit of hell that is still broadly taught today, but the true church stood up against it and never bought into it. They stayed with the Bible.
6. Attack on Eternal Security: The idea that you can lose your salvation. Time moves on, and the next issue comes up around 1900 when the charismatic movement began to come into full swing. Now Christianity is bombarded with the idea that you can lose the salvation that God has given you.
7. The Authority of the Word of God: Do you Have the Complete Word of God? This is what we are facing today. The devil attacked everything in the Book down through church history, and in the last days before Jesus comes back, he attacked the Book itself. **My job as a pastor is obviously to take care of the people who God has given me, but I have a higher calling which is to put forth the King James 1611 Authorized Version as the perfect word of God.** I know guys who believe it but will never teach their people why they need to believe it. Many don't want to offend anybody. I don't care what anybody thinks. **I am going to stand on that Book and preach that Book and tell the world that you have a perfect Bible.**



➤ We Now can Consider the Thoughts of His Heart Perfectly

*Psalms 12:7 ... thou shalt preserve them from **this generation** for ever.*

Now what generation might he be talking about here? In English grammar, you will see that there is no antecedent before the word “this generation.” **It’s not making a reference to some former generation, but rather making a reference to the generation when that Bible becomes perfect and pure. The King James 1611 out of England—now perfect and complete, and from that generation forward** (the next 400 years & the final years of our lives up to the 2nd coming of Christ), **we now can consider the thoughts of His heart perfectly.**

*Jeremiah 23:20. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: **in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.***

This is the same thing you find in Matthew 24 concerning God’s final generation to Israel.

*Matthew 24:32-34. Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer [is] nigh: 33. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, [even] at the doors. 34. **Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.***

You know what that generation is? **That’s the generation of 1948 when Israel finally became a nation, and the Bible says (if you look at the context of the passage it’s all tribulation and second coming) that the generation of 1948 will not pass away before all these things take place, including the second coming of Christ...so, we’re right at the end.** It’s the same grammar in Matthew 24 that is found in Psalms 12.

*Psalms 12:8. The wicked walk **on every side**, when the vilest men are exalted.*

Notice the words “every side.” **Saved or lost—they’ll be against the word of God. They are men who hate the word of God and set out to destroy and take it from you.** The devil uses the world one way to get rid of the Bible, and then he uses scholarship (Christian education) to destroy it from another standpoint.

## V. Summary

America started out with the word of God; it was written into our Constitution. Eventually the aspect of God came under attack, and by the 1940’s-1950’s you could really see it. They took prayer out of schools and got rid of God in almost everything. When you get rid of God, you get rid of the word of God. Christian education just reversed the process. The devil is smart. When you send a young kid off to Bible college, the first thing they do is take the Bible from them. They don’t have a Bible, and then they send them out to start churches like the churches you see all across this country today. *Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: (2 Timothy 3:5).* They don’t even know who God is anymore.

The history of Christianity is really simple. God getting His perfect word to man through the process of being purified seven times through a furnace of Earth. It started all the way back in the Old Testament. **History is so simple—it's two concepts: God getting His perfect word to you and the devil trying to take it from you.** A supernatural Book will produce a supernatural family, a supernatural life, and a supernatural ministry.

➤ Believing You Have a Book that is Perfect

*1 Thessalonians 2:13. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.***

**The believing in that verse has nothing to do with believing for salvation; rather, it's believing you have a Book that is perfect, and then it will effectually work in you.**

*1 Peter 1:23-25. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.***

*24. 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:*

*25. **But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

There are four things here you've got to see:

1. If you don't have a perfect word, you can't be saved. Did you read what he said? Being born again (how?), NOT of corruptible, but of incorruptible seed **by the word of God.**
2. The word of God is alive and abideth forever. There's that generation in Psalms 12...it abides forever.
3. It endures forever. You go, I go, we live, we die, but the Book stays. Nobody changes it; nobody alters it; nobody replaces it. *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away (Matthew 24:35).*
4. *And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. **If you don't have a perfect word of God, you have nothing to preach to the world.***

**You've got the perfect word of God in your hands, and don't you ever let anybody take it from you.** The job of this church in the Laodicean church age is to pick up the fight over the authority of the word of God and declare God's perfect word to the world—making no apologies for it. For over 50 years of my life, I've taken my stand on the King James Bible. The warfare has been intense, but that's the doctrinal issue that we face today. **There will never be a day, as long as God gives me breath, that I won't declare the King James Bible as the absolute perfect word of God to anybody who will listen.**