

The Original Word

Purpose: To teach children that the original Word of God is perfect.

(2 Pet 1:20-21 KJV)
Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. {21} For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

These verses tell us man did not dream up many stories, write them down, print a book, and call it the bible. The bible did not come from the mind of man. Because of this, man is not supposed to guess at what the bible means. He's not supposed to interpret it based on what he thinks is right. God's word is perfect.

Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by God to speak. God spoke to his men, people who believed God. Later, these words were written down. The bible was first



spoken. It was only later that it came into written form.

These original writings have been lost, but not copies of them. These copies were not perfect; sometimes the writers left out some words, added some words, and changed some words. This means that we do not have an original copy of God's Word. But it does not mean that we can't understand what God originally gave.

These copies weren't like our English bibles. They were written in other languages. Some of them were written in all capital letters. For example: FORGODSOLOVEDTHEWORLD. These are called uncials.

Some were cursives, written in running hand. For example:

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theworld.* Another difference in our bible and the very first bibles is that there were no chapters, headings, or verses.

Even though the best we have today are copies of the originals, we can still get back to God's word as he originally gave it to holy men. The way we do it is in II Timothy 2:15.

(2 Tim 2:15 KJV)
Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

We study. God is perfect so his word is perfect. The words in the word must be perfect and the order of the words in his word must be perfect. We can't start changing what God said in

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his word and still have a perfect word of God.

Let's say that your mother told you to go to the garage and get two scoops of dog food. Then she told you to put those in your dog's dish. What if you pretend that she asked you to feed your dog soap? You'd have a very sick dog, and you certainly wouldn't have the words your mother really said. We cannot add, remove, or change God's word. It is the truth and it is perfect.

We are blessed to have men of God today who can study God's word and help us get back to the original word of God. When we have that perfect word, we will know God's will for us. Then we can become the perfect, fully equipped men and women of God that God wants us to be. To be fully equipped is to be completely able to live the more than abundant life.

(2 Tim 3:16-17 KJV) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: {17} That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good

works.

Much Love in Christ,

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