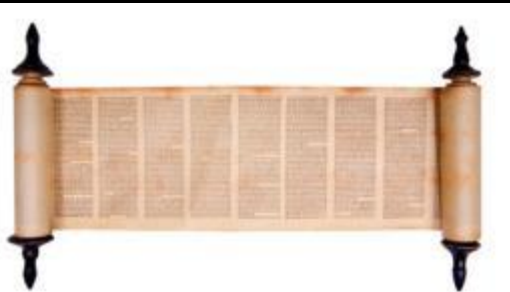


HOW WE RECEIVED THE BIBLE

From Scroll to eBook Session Three



WELCOME TO SESSION THREE

- Slides available at www.kelleycentral.com
- This session taught at New Hope Eugene by Dr. Mark Kelley

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 - Personalization
 - Pondering
 - Perspective
 - Re-reading
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THE IMPACT OF ONE BIBLE



THIS WEEK'S BIG PICTURE

- Why we know our Bibles reflect what the authors wrote
 - The process of recognizing the Bible (canon)
 - Purifying Ourselves with SOAP
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HERE'S A PROBLEM

- When we say “the Bible is inspired” we don’t mean your English translation.
- We are talking about the original writing by Moses, Ezekiel, and John
- Which we no longer have 😞

WHICH BOOK DO WE KNOW THE BEST?

<i>Author</i>	<i>When Written</i>	<i>Earliest Copy</i>	<i>Time Span</i>	<i># of Copies</i>
• Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	950 years	10
• Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,330 years	7
• Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1,450 years	49
• Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	1000 A.D.	1,400 years	193
• Euripides	480-406 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1,500 years	9
• New Testament	48-90 A.D.	130 A.D.	40-80 years	24,633

IN ADDITION TO ACTUAL BIBLES

- We have hundreds of 2nd & 3rd Century sermons & letters that quoted the Bible.

MORE DOCUMENTATION

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WHEN WAS THE BIBLE OFFICIAL?

- Two misleading claims are often made
 - The books in the Bible weren't recognized as scripture until 400 AD
 - The "canon" was selected by a political process
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TRUTH IS NOT ALWAYS STRANGER

- Most books were recognized as inspired almost immediately
 - The Torah (Pentateuch) is often referred to as “the Law” in other OT books, especially the Psalms.
 - Jesus often quoted the Old Testament (Mark 12:36)
 - Peter called Paul’s letters “scriptures” (2 Peter 3:15-16)

OLD TESTAMENT CANON FINALIZED

- In AD 95, a leading group of Jewish rabbis verified that Judaism accepted the Hebrew Scriptures (OT) as we find them today.
 - Council of Jamnia
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EARLY RECOGNITION OF NEW TESTAMENT

- Peter referred to Paul's letters as scriptures
- Starting from AD 100, Christian leaders quoted the NT as "scripture."

FIRST PUBLISHED LIST OF NT SCRIPTURE

- Marcion (AD 140) lists Paul's letters and Luke as scripture
- Tatian (AD 175) developed a harmony of "the four gospels"

OFFICIAL CHURCH COUNCILS

- Ratified the church's existing practice of treating 27 books as scripture
 - Hippo (AD 393) and Carthage (AD 397)
 - Church councils are classic church meetings
 - People are at work
 - God is at work
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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO US?

- We know the words men used to record God's message.
 - We join with Christians for 1900 years who testify to the power of these words.
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BIBLE TOOL: SOAP

- Select a **S**cripture portion
 - Make **O**bservations about the scripture portion's surroundings
 - **A**pply the truth of the scripture portion
 - **P**ray that God will make the scripture live in you.
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SOAP IS NOT NEW

- This is the classic way to make the Bible “your” Bible

SELECTING THE SPECIAL SCRIPTURE

- How do you know which verse is God's verse for you on this day?

OBSERVATION IS OFTEN OMITTED

- Lets take time to see how many observations we can make about.
- Observations = things that are readily apparent

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-17

- ² ¶ Since we have such a hope, ^awe are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, ^awho would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But ^atheir minds were ^bhardened. For to this day, ^cwhen they read ^dthe old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when ^aone¹ turns to the Lord, ^bthe veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord¹ is the Spirit, and where ^athe Spirit of the Lord is, there is ^bfreedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, ^abeholding ^bthe glory of the Lord,¹ ^care being transformed into the same image ^dfrom one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

THE GOAL OF OBSERVATION?

- Overcoming the tendency to “see” the same, safe thing every time we read the text.

AVID APPLICATION

- What can I do that shows I believe this verse is true?

APPLYING 2 CORINTHIANS 3:16

- Now the Lord¹ is the Spirit, and where ^athe Spirit of the Lord is, there is ^bfreedom.
 - How do I allow the Holy Spirit to be fully here (in me)?
 - How do I accept God's Freedom?
 - How I treat other people who are Freed?
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PASSIONATE PRAYER

