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*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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:16-17*

God has taken care of everything.

We have it all in the Scriptures (Genesis – Revelation)

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It is profitable to reprove, correct and instruct.

As long as we remain within those Scriptures we are complete – Thoroughly equipped for every good work

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*But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 1 Cor 2:9-16*

God's Mind  
Things

# Inspiration 1 Cor 2:10-12

- *Unto us God revealed them*
- *Through the Spirit*
- *The Spirit searches all things*
- *The deep things of God.*
- *We received the Spirit from God*
- *We know the things freely given to us by God.*

Apostles and prophets  
Eph 3:5

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Old Testament  
1 Pet 1:10-11  
2 Pet 1:20-21

New Testament  
Jn 14:26; 16:12-13  
Mt 10:19-20  
Gal 1:11-12

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*13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 **But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.** 15 **But he who is spiritual judges all things**, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 1 Cor 2:9-15*

How we receive the word of God reveals:

If we are still a natural man thinking the word of God contains foolishness

If we are spiritual and able to judge all things.

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- Eph 3:3-4
- 1 Cor 14:37

Read

Our Mind

**Things**

Written Words

# From Spoken to Written

- *how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: Eph 3:3-6*
- *"For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." 11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present. 2 Cor 10:10-11*
- Do we believe when reading Paul's writings that if he were present with us he would be teaching exactly the same?

# God Promised to Preserve Forever!

- *The words of the Lord are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. 7 You shall keep them, O Lord, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. Ps 12:6-7*
- ***Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.***  
*90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. 91 They continue this day according to Your ordinances,*
- *For all are Your servants. Ps 119:89-91*



# Gospel is incorruptible – Forever

*having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. 1 Pet 1:23-25*

God has promised His word is incorruptible

It will live, abide, and endure forever.

It is fixed! Both in heaven and upon the earth.

# God Promised for both OT & NT

- His Words are pure kept/preserved forever!
- His word is incorruptible, living abiding, and enduring forever. Is this enough for us?
- *Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. 2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me. Ps 131:1-2*
- God Promised! It is Settled Forever! I Believe!
- This is very nature and essence of true faith

# Can We Trust in the Lord?

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And  
lean not on your own understanding; 6  
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And  
He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be  
wise in your own eyes; Pr. 3:5-7*

# *“Trust in the Lord” Can Stretch our Credibility*

*But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 1Cor 1:27-28*

No difference in this than God’s promise to Abraham.

He believed and it was reckoned for righteousness.

No difference in this than Moses choosing to share ill.

No different for Moses to pick up a serpent by its tail.

It CAN stretch our credibility but it SHOULDN’T

# Proving God Kept His Promises

The Old Testament is easy.

We have the Son of God using a Greek translation without any criticism or correction.

From Moses to Malachi – God kept it pure and perfect through all generations.

Jesus had every opportunity to let us know about  
Lost books.

Incorrect translations

Lost passages

**Not one time did Jesus criticize correct or warn about anything in the Old Testament Scriptures.**

# Enter Textual Criticism

We don't have Jesus to come today and do the same with His word, but we don't need this. He already promised

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. Mt 24:33*

If that is not enough, we have a problem with our faith. We act more like a natural man than one who has the Spirit.

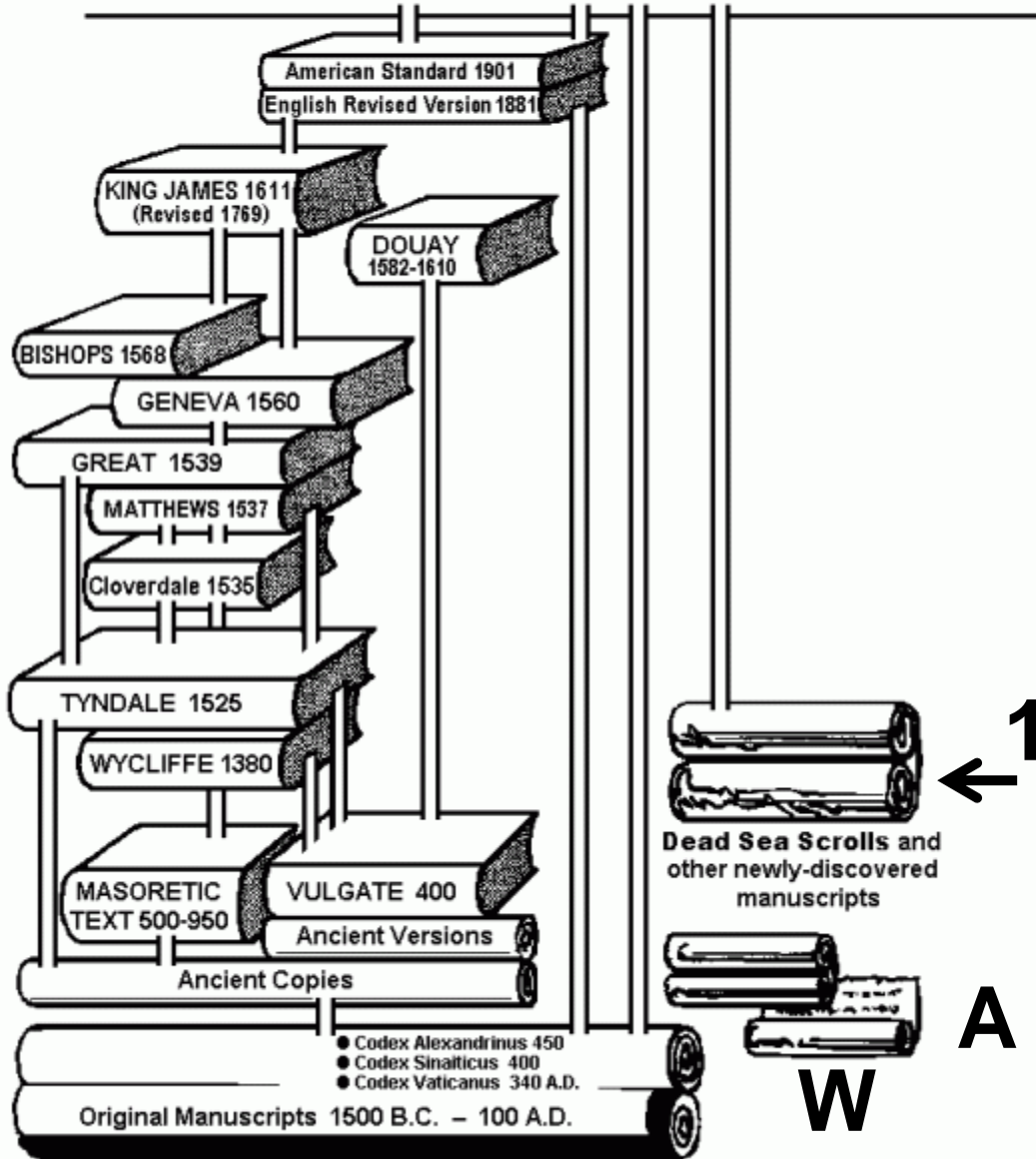
# God Has Not Left the Promise without witness

## Manuscript Evidence for Ancient Writings

Author	Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	# Mss.
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,000 yrs	10
Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,200 yrs	7
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,300 yrs	8
Tacitus	100 A.D.	1100 A.D.	1,000 yrs	20
Suetonius	75-160 A.D.	950 A.D.	800 yrs	8
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643
New Testament	40-100 A.D.	125 A.D.	25-50 yrs	24,000

MODERN  
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TRANSLATIONS

ESV 2001	Message 2002	New Century '05
REB 1992	CEV 1995	NLT 1996
NIV 1978-84	NKJV 1982	NRSV 1989-90
NASB 1971	Living 1971	TEV 1976
Jerusalem 1966	NEB 1970	NAB 1970
RSV 1952	Berkeley MLB '59	Amplified 1965





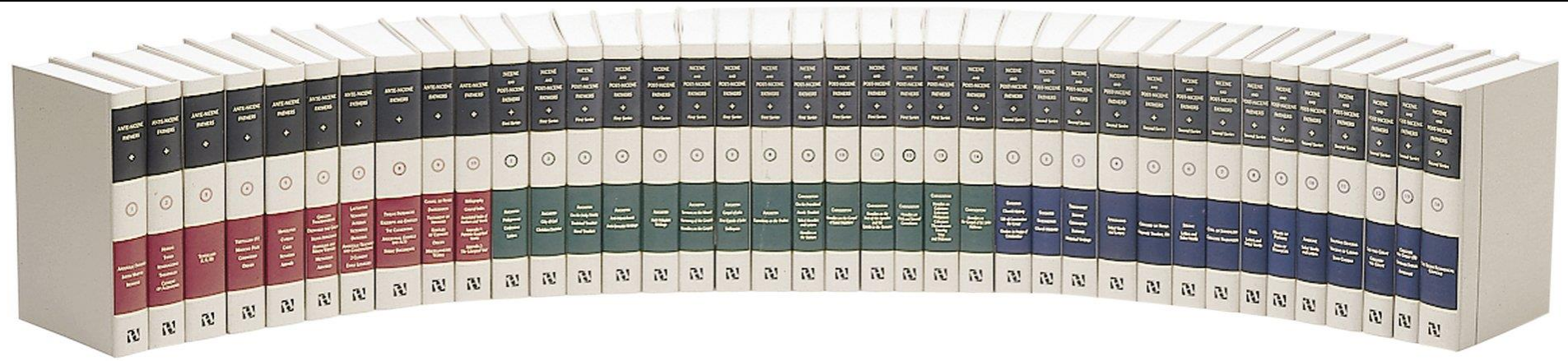
# God's Earthly Testimony

almost 5000 MSS of part or all of Greek text  
2000 Greek lectionaries,  
8000 MSS in Latin,  
1000 MSS in other ancient versions.

Writings of the ancient church fathers in  
Greek, Latin, and Syriac contain 1000's of  
quotations from the NT.

Indeed, the available materials for the text of  
the NT are so extensive that their adequate  
study is a complicated task (ISBE - 1979)

# How God Kept His Promise



*Apostolic Fathers* -100

*Antinicensis* 100 - 325

*Nicene* 325

*Postnicene* 325-451

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As Perfect and Inspired today as it was when revealed