

Review: Gary Miller (ed. David W. Daniels), *Why the King James Bible is the Perfect Word of God*, Ontario, CA, CHICK Publications, 2006

In forty two pages, a short and effective resource for teaching sound doctrines of inspiration, preservation and corruption awareness. Over five lessons the reader will be edified by an approach of simple truths interspersed with supporting scriptures.

The answer to the book title is not dealt with in *great* detail (e.g. textual criticism and Church history) however given its size and material covered this is not unexpected. Opponents of the AV may point this out with usual charges of 'circular reasoning' and 'fideism'. Books for further study are recommended at the end though, part of the many resources available on this vast and important topic. These will be helpful in providing answers for honest enquirers, as well as stopping the mouths of scorners.

The first lesson explains inspiration and gives strong internal evidence inspired words read *after* the original autographs are *still* inspired. For example, the Lord Himself refers to copies of autographs as scripture.

Methods of inspiration are then touched on. The scope used by the Lord to transmit His words to mankind is remarkable and a jolt from a mindset everything came down straight onto a printing press. Most importantly, perfect written *inspiration* even of 'The Originals' must be *assumed*. No guarantee can be given all the inspired words made it into written form without error after coming to the writer, regardless of the inspiration method.

The preservation axiom of Bible believers is made clear *from scripture*. It is also clear without *perfect* preservation of 'The Originals' it is impossible to know with certainty all the words of scripture have stayed the same, whether in original or receptor languages. Scriptural evidence for preservation cited is overwhelming, as is the obvious focus by God on written records, books and their copies when dealing with his people through time.

The powerful purpose of God's words is shown in key verses, both for the Christian and to the heathen. This is watered down or lost if *perfect*

preservation is false. Finally, God's warning of intentional corruption, the two main textual streams, and comparisons with modern versions is made.

When all these things are plainly laid out it takes only a modicum of spiritual discernment to understand there is an enemy of God's words trying every way he can to corrupt them.

As the book contends, those who can understand English and actually believe the Authorized Version will become people of great faith. Those who merely give it lip-service and/or fall back to 'The Originals' plus subjective interpretation will miss out.