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THE SIMPLE BUT BIBLICAL DEFENSE OF THE PERFECT PRESERVATION OF THE WORDS OF GOD IN PSALM 12:6-7

INTRODUCTION

The infidels who reject the necessity of fideism with regard to the promises of Scripture about the LORD's perfect preservation of the very words of God can easily and simply be refuted with the very Scriptures they are diminishing and dismissing.¹ The reading of the verses "*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever*" in KJV rendering of Psalm 12:6-7 seem straightforward and clear. Back in 1560, the *Geneva Bible* rendered the Hebrew as "*The wordes of the Lord are pure wordes, as the siluer, tried in a fornace of earth, fined seuen folde. Thou wilt keepe them, O Lord: thou wilt preserue him from this generation for euer.*" Later, in 1901, the *American Standard Version* translated the two verses, saying the same truth: "*The words of Jehovah are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, Purified seven times. Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah, Thou wilt preserve them from this generation for ever.*" Finally, in 1982, the *New KJV* again restated accurately the translation of the Hebrew, saying, "*The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.*" In other words, for five centuries English speaking Bible believers have had a history of Scriptures asserting the perfect preservation of the words of the Lord!

THE ATTACK

Since the simple but straightforward reading of these translations through at least five centuries declare the perfect preservation of the pure words of God, Satan has raised-up proponents of his wicked "*Yea hath God said*" movement to reject this obvious but necessary promise. The profound "mighty-mites" of the world of Textual Criticism have

¹ The gracious and loving Saviour may convert the repentant sinner through the instrumentality of the Scriptures in any language and even with the weak and poor translations of modern versions; the seeking soul must have faith in the promises of the Scriptures. However, the architects of the methodology of Textual Criticism and promoters of the resultant English translations such *RSV*, *NIV*, *NASV*, *ESV*, etc., purposefully reject the faith-based approach to the Scriptural promises of the preservation of the perfect words of God (Heb. 11:1-2)!

THE SIMPLE BUT BIBLICAL DEFENSE OF THE PERFECT

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put forth their best Hebrew scholars to negate this precious promise of the perfect preservation of the words of Scripture. Certainly God did not promise the preservation of perfect Hebrew manuscripts (*sic*) nor did He promise the preservation of His perfect Hebrew words, do the scholars pompously asseverate!

This they pontificate through their expert and vast understanding of the Hebrew language that gender concordance must always interpret any passage. In other words, their absolute and unbending Hebrew rule must always be that the antecedent of any pronoun must always have the same gender: masculine to masculine; feminine to feminine. Therefore, the Textual Critics and Scholars of the Hebrew text must disappoint the benighted English readers of Psalm 12:6-7 and reject any possibility that these surface readings of the above translations teach the perfect preservation of the words of Scripture. Why? Because they have adroitly noted that gender discordance has occurred. The noun “words” (2x) in v. 6 is feminine plural and the pronominal suffix “them” is masculine plural! This cannot be! Even though the nearest antecedent to “them” is “words,” there is gender discordance. The phenomenon of “gender concordance” always overcomes the principle of “nearest antecedent,” according the renowned scholars of Textual Criticism and of the Hebrew text, or so they dictate. Therefore, the careful exegete must look for the preceding noun or nouns that are masculine gender. Eureka! They found for the masculine plural “them” the antecedent masculine nouns in v. 5 as “poor” and “needy,” both masculine and plural. So, the principle of “the nearest antecedent” does not overshadow the “gender concordance” principle! God has promised the perpetuity of the “poor” and “needy”! However, is this reality with Hebrew grammar and exegesis at all? NO!

THE RESPONSE

The exegete of Scripture must recognize several biblical principles in Hebrew grammar and theology. First, the principle of nearest antecedent in Hebrew is premiere and must not be violated. Second, there are examples of gender discordance in the Hebrew text of Scripture (cf. the Hebrew of Ps. 119:111, 129; 152; and 167). Third, Hebrew grammatical idiosyncrasies may arise for theological emphasis. In the case of the previous examples, the patriarchal Jehovah may “masculinize” the antecedent feminine gender words coming from Him with masculine pronouns.

How do the “anti-perfect preservation of pure words” scholars of Hebrew understand Solomon’s counsel to Rehoboam? He said, “*A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. My son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck*” (Prov. 6:19-21). The words “commandment” (*mitzvah*) and “law” (*torah*) are both feminine singular but the

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PRESERVATION OF THE WORDS OF GOD IN PSALM 12:6-7

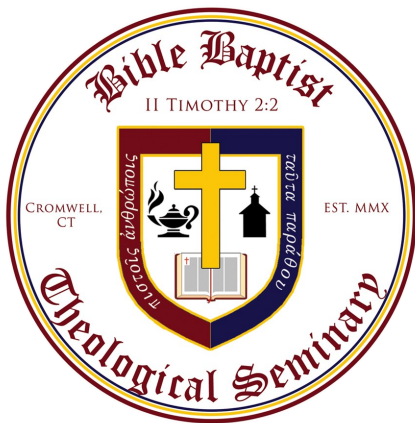
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pronominal suffix on the verbs “bind them” and “tie them” is masculine plural. So does the careful exegete look for the earlier gender compatible noun or nouns, such as the masculine singular “false witness” and “he that soweth” and “bind” and “tie” them on his neck? Of course not! So the gender concordance “rule” does not dominate but rather the “nearest antecedent” principle does.

In Prov. 6:19-21, what is the linguistically, biblically, and theologically correct antecedent to “bind” and “tie”? The “commandment” and the “law”! In Ps. 12:6-7, what is the linguistically, biblically, and theologically correct antecedent to “shalt keep” and “shalt preserve”? THE PURE WORDS OF THE LORD! This simple but biblical example proves once and for all that David taught certainly and unequivocally the promise of the perfect preservation of the precious words of the LORD, which the *KJV* rendering of Ps. 12:6-7 has taught all along! The Bible heretics of the past and present have no verses which deny the perfect preservation of the pure words of the LORD, so they must feebly and shoddily attempt to deny the truth of the promises of the LORD. “Let God be true, but every man a liar” (Rom. 3:4)!



BBTS SPRING LECTURE SERIES



The BBTS Spring 2025 Lecture Series will be held on April 11th, 9AM to 3PM at Galilean Baptist Church. The topic will be “**The Necessity of Biblical Exegesis for Sound Doctrine,**” with Dr. Thomas M. Strouse and Dr. M. Ryan Strouse exegeting Psalm Twelve and Ecclesiastes (respectively) to give the biblical teaching of the preservation of the perfect words of God. In order to plan for food and seating, we will need an indication of the names of those planning on attending.

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A Luncheon will be provided along with the book table with new and pertinent works. Please consider these opportunities to buy books (some may go out of print not to be reprinted), fellowship with sister church members, and be challenged by the speakers (some of whom may not always be available)!

NOTE ON 80TH BIRTHDAY



Moses, who lived for one hundred and twenty years, wrote under the influence of the Spirit of God about the expectation for a lifespan. He averred, saying, *“For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away”* (Ps. 90:9-10). We can look back on the seventy or eighty years of life as a tale to be told or a history, and recognize that the tale is about over. Octogenarians recognize that they have had more years that have passed on earth, than years yet to come. With all, the one event will eventually come (Eccl. 2:14), and for the believer another imminent event looms—the Coming of Christ.

As I look back at the past eighty years, I am thankful that the Lord Jesus Christ had saved me in 1969 and called me to serve Him. As I discovered my spiritual gift of teaching, the precious Lord began to open opportunities for advanced study in Scripture for degrees in theology from Maranatha Baptist Graduate School of Theology and Bob Jones University. I ministered as seminary dean and professor at four different seminaries and began Bible Baptist Church and Theological Seminary in 2009. The Lord has allowed me to use my spiritual gift to the fullest, teaching scores and scores of men for the pastorate, both nationally, and internationally (e.g., Abu Dhabi, Czech Republic, Dubai, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Korea, Philippines, Portugal, and Puerto Rico). I am also thankful for the fourteen children and growing number of grandchildren the Lord has given me and my supportive wife Janis. If I have any more days it is because of the loving grace of my precious Saviour!



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BBC EXTRAS



Victors in Home School Basketball tourney: Jack and Landon Strouse



Little Kid's Sunday School class with Cecilia



Preston tracing Hebrew

The Camera Ministry



Kirsten Gagnon at the piano, with a new look.



"For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."
Psalm 90:9-10

BBC/BBTS 2025 SCHEDULE

April 11

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

Galilean Baptist Church

Stafford Springs, CT

The Necessity of Biblical Exegesis for Sound Doctrine

May 17-18

BBTS Banquet and Graduation

Bible Baptist Church

Cromwell, CT

May 26-30

Ireland Module

Greek IV &

Psalms 42-72

June 2-6

Community Baptist Church

Coopersburg, PA

Minor Prophets I

July 21-25

Calvary Independent Baptist Church

Plymouth, NH

Psalm 1-41

September 22-26

Bible Baptist Church

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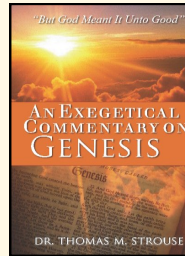
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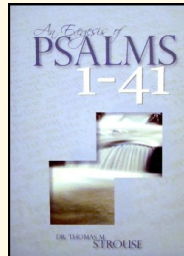
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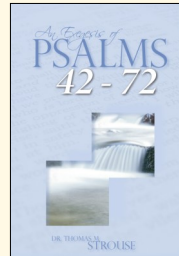
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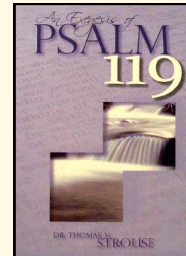
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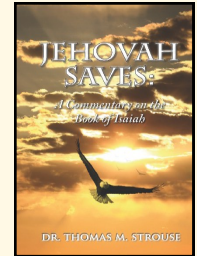
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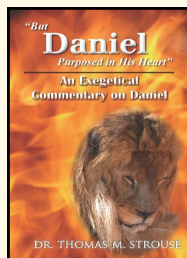
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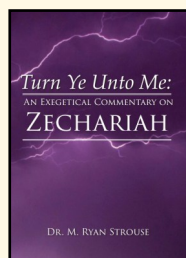
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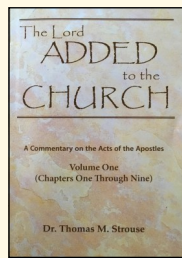
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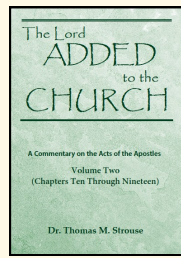
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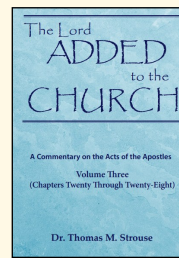
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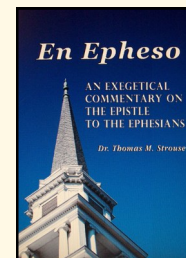
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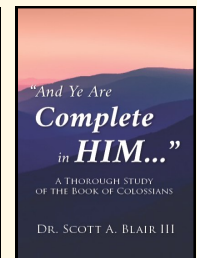
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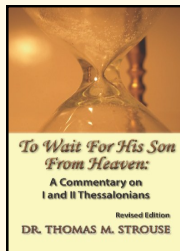
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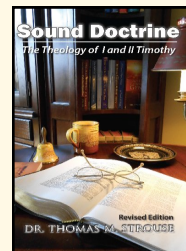
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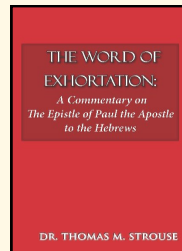
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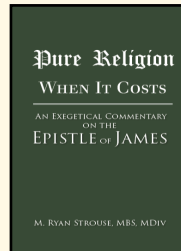
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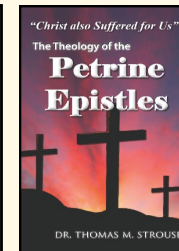
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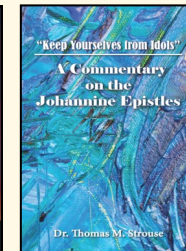
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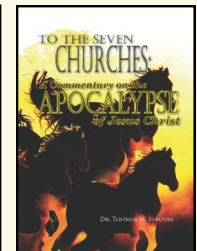
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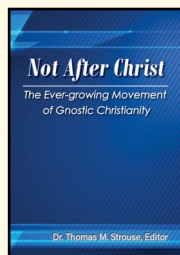
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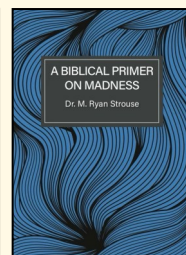
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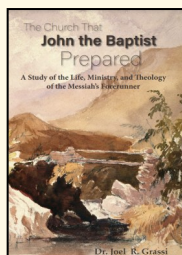
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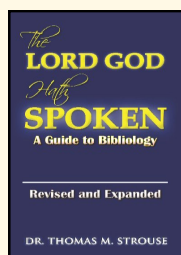
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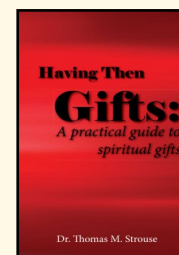
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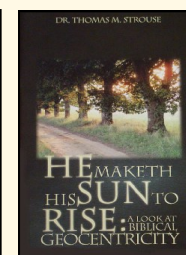
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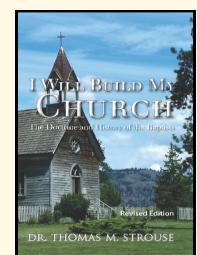
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