



From the Desk of Pastor Glen Robinson

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Brothers Schaap, Evans, Young, Hooker, Vogel, Mason,

I trust you are all doing well and in good health as you serve our blessed Lord.

I am writing this letter in reference to the numerous emails, letters, and videos that I have received from you. I heard Dr. Evans opening statement that he gave during the conference on the Bible. I have closely followed and read the materials that have been made public. I have also studied and defended the King James Bible since the 1970's.

I wish no harm or hurt to the ministries of FBC. We support missionaries from there and are always excited to hear of the good works that are being done in carrying out the Great Commission. We have also been going to Pastors' School and Youth Conference for many years. I am a 1983 *summa cum laude* graduate who was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Baptist Church of Hammond. My second daughter has just finished her first year at HAC. These are some justifiable reasons for my letter.

When my wife and I recommended HAC for our children, I was aware of some criticisms, but I had not heard of the specifics. My practice was to ignore these criticisms because they always seemed to be of no merit, or in my opinion, the criticisms were out of envy or jealousy.

My eldest daughter was a student at Commonwealth when the visiting professor from HAC made his appalling statements about our Bible. His claim of 3-5% error in the KJB, and that it was foolish to believe the KJB is inspired. My daughter immediately called me on her cell phone extremely troubled by such statements. I told her not to have a critical spirit and assured her not to worry about her younger sister at HAC. I told her that Br. Schaap would straighten out the professor and everything would be all right, and that Br. Schaap, Br. Evans, and Br. Young would not allow such things to be taught especially representing HAC. I had not yet read the book, "Where Are We Going?" I held my opinions until I read that book and until I heard Brother Schaap's statements. My heart is saddened and grieved that after only seven years since Brother Hyles' death; FBC does not believe that the Bibles they sell in the book store have God's Spirit in the words.

I promise you that when I was ordained at FBC on June 18, 1988, and those deacons and Br. Hyles laid hands on me and prayed for me, they believed the ordination Bible they gave me was inspired by God's preserving Hand. They told me to go live it, preach it, and defend it. This is what I am doing. There was no need for double inspiration because God's promise of preservation secures the inspiration that was once given as revelation. The revelation has ended. There is no need for more revelation. Every generation has a need for inspiration. Inspiration has been promised and it will not evaporate, disappear, or lay dormant in some dead language that nobody speaks anymore.

I talked to Br. Young at Pastors' School and he seemed too busy for me and told me to look at *The Voice* on the website and that nothing has changed at HAC. I talked to another staff member and evangelist. They seemed to not understand the change in doctrine. One staff member said that he doesn't know Greek or Hebrew so he has to trust what Br. Schaap and the Greek and Hebrew professors say about the issues. He went on to say that he has to trust them as to what the Bible says. This is a long time staff member and ordained preacher. My mouth literally dropped open in disbelief to the words I heard. I thought I was talking to a Catholic parishioner. This doctrine of inspiration and its perpetuity on subsequent translations by the preserving power of an omnipotent God is vital for the concept of final authority. If inspiration is limited to the originals or the original languages, then the final authority is wrested away from God's Word in our language and given to those members of the clergy who know the dead languages. This is Nicolaitane doctrine which our Lord Jesus hates.

I was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I grew up in a GARBC church. I am nearly the same age as Br. Schaap who is also from western Michigan. At that time the GARBC was strong in our area. Most of these Regular Baptist Churches held the position that the scriptures were inspired only in the originals. They felt they needed to hold that position perhaps for one of the following reasons: 1) did not have enough faith that God could preserve the inspiration in a translation; 2) were waiting for a newer translation; 3) to guard against "double inspiration" (which is a bogus argument. What God inspires will last forever!) 4) Cast doubt in the KJB so as to create a market for a newer version; 5) so that they may appear to be intellectual. Many do not wish to be thought of as an "ignorant fundamentalist." If you hold to the false doctrine of "only the originals," then ask yourself why? The Bible certainly does not say the originals only are inspired.

My Father is a graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary when it was still located at Dr. David Otis Fuller's Wealthy Street Baptist Church. He is 80 years old. When I read him some excerpts from *The Voice*, he was troubled by the language that was used, especially on page 16, "God promised to preserve His words. For now it is accurate, if not also convenient, to say His words are preserved in the King James Bible." My dad stopped me upon hearing those alarming words. He interrupted me by saying, "That's the

talk I heard back in the 50's and 60's by King James "users" who a few years later abandoned their KJB for the NIV." I relay this to give some historical perspective by a more ancient man of God.

I believe that this "inspired only in the originals" was started by neo-orthodoxy of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Thus, it started showing up in doctrinal statements and sermons even by some great men of God. They did not want to appear to be unintelligent. This is the same era when some started to embrace theistic-evolution. Some did not want to be considered non-intelligent. Yet, from what I have read, the believers from the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries held firmly to the inspired, preserved Word of God even in translations from dead Hebrew and Greek.

I have studied one year of Greek in High School, and one and a half years in college. My first two and a half years of college I was a student at MBBC in Watertown, WI. Dr. Cedarholm was still there, but he had some Greek professors who were Westcott and Hort men and in both first and second year Greek they were always trying to get us to translate verses to make it a better translation than the old KJB. It never seemed right to me. Each translation I did was supremely inferior to old KJB. I think Greek and Hebrew is helpful to study, but to correct the Bible is dangerous ground. This is one reason I transferred to HAC.

Other problems I had with *The Voice* publication was on page 8. The same day I read the paper I looked up every website of the colleges and institutions. Some of them were blatantly misrepresented by Br. Schaap. No wonder fundamentalism has been split! No wonder there are now deep divisions! Probably all of them by now have had to make adjustments to their statements because of this. This grieves me the most because it is a political move to defend one's position. It reeks of politics and trying to deceive. Yet, when this was pointed out by others, I have seen no retractions or apologies. I can understand someone having a different conclusion on doctrine, but to use these tactics with no subsequent corrections is appalling to me. With the doctrinal change and these tactics, you have destroyed my trust as to allow my daughter or any church members to attend your college unless there is a retraction, refutation, and apology.

Not only were some of these institutions misrepresented, so also was Brother Hyles. Everyone who was there during his tenure knows it. Anyone who has eyes to read the "Science of the Christian Life" and "The Need for an Every Word Bible" may know it also. All staff members who were there know it. They are all intelligent people. Br. Schaap has the power of choice to lead FBC into whatever direction he wants to. No one denies this. Br. Hyles statements and writings for nearly twenty years (if not longer) reveal his stand that the KJB is the inspired, preserved Word of God. In his early years of ministry there was no need for him to make this stand. It was not an issue. If John R. Rice would have lived 10 years longer, he would have come to same conclusion. Remember, these men were trained in institutions that had allowed neo-orthodox views. What will HAC graduates believe 20 years from now if you turn from the true doctrine and cling to a non-inspired Bible?

It is logical to believe that the KJB is inspired by preservation. I have heard Br. Schaap say that since 1769, the KJB is “fairly free from error.” The Summit also taught us this same false doctrine that our Bible we use is not without error. Of course, I have not seen a list of errors other than spelling and grammar. There are always going to be typos and printer errors. This does not mean that the KJB has errors. If our Bible has 3-5% error, then where are the errors? Where is the list? Five percent error computes to over 38,000 errors! And if it is only 3-5% error, then 95-97% is free from error by your own admission. If 95-97% is free from error, then it is pure, precise, perfect, and an accurate translation of the inspired Word of God. Therefore, you should be saying that your KJB is 95-97% inspired because it is free from error. Or, to the degree that it is free from error, it is the inspired preserved Word of God. We only hear from the church that ordained me that it is foolish to believe it is inspired. I went to the official NIV website. There they claimed their translation was inspired. It seems as though the NIVers have more faith in their Bible.

To deny the KJB inspiration is to deny that God’s Spirit is in the words. (John 6:63) Or, if you choose to use the NIV’s translation, “God breathed” it is to say that God’s breath evaporated. The power and life comes from the Spirit in the words. If God’s Spirit is not in the words, how can we get eternal life? It is dangerous ground to deny the inspiration of our Bible! There is no need for double inspiration when you have the perpetual promise of the preserving power of God. Preservation is so self-explanatory. This week we have been canning fig preserves from our fig trees. Right now they are in a liquid type form. They look different than when they were still on the tree. This winter they will taste exactly the same even better. I could have my wife put in purple or green food coloring if I want to, but they will still be figs. They will not have changed molecularly. English letters look different than Greek and certainly Hebrew. Yet, when God promises preservation, you can be assured of an inspired, incorruptible text even though it may be English.

My daughter sat in the Bible study given on the Wednesday when you compared an old 1611 to the copies they held in their hands. I viewed this message. All of these printer mistakes, and typos were corrected just a few years later. These human errors do not mean an uninspired Bible. They were corrected in time. Everybody is human. Your HAC students who sat behind my daughter were all devastated and doubted that they had the true Word of God. They spoke loud enough for my daughter to hear this, “Why do I even have this Bible? I might as well just throw it away. And when our children grow up and learn Greek they can write their own translation and we can all get rich.” My daughter knew the teaching was wrong and her heart is grieved. She always wanted to attend HAC. She earned all A’s and one B+. Many of these Jericho students are bus kids or did not grow up with the same training my daughter had. They don’t know what is going on. They are confused. Many doubt their Bible now. How sad.

A few years ago, I did similarly in my church. I compared a facsimile of the first printing of 1611 to our Bibles today. I pointed out some spelling differences, grammar differences, and printer mistakes. However, I used it to strengthen my church's faith in their copies. It was the same but for some human errors that were corrected just a few years later. Everyone was glad to have their questions answered and to see that we have the very same Bible. Never cast doubt on God's Word!

As to the recent emails and articles that tenor Rodney King's immortal words, "Why can't we all get along?" We use the same Bible. Well, so do many Mormons, Catholics, etc. Even the late Charlton Heston believed there was only one English translation of the Bible, "the King James" as he said in an interview. He also believed in evolution. The inspiration of God's Word is our most foundational doctrine! The Bible says in Romans 16:17, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." The divisions and offences came from Hammond. Contrary doctrine to what we have learned has also come from Hammond. Nobody in Kentucky or in any other state was the cause of divisions and offences. Avoidance is God's prescription for such an illness or virus so that it doesn't spread and infect more of God's people. I didn't need my Greek Syntax professor to help me understand this verse or translate it.

I plead with you to return to the old paths of believing your KJB to be inspired not through the bogus "double inspiration" argument. God doesn't have to re-inspire anything if He has promised perpetual preservation of His inspired Word. If God has the power to preserve me blameless, a sorry wretch of a sinner, He certainly can preserve inspiration on His Holy Word into other languages that people still speak.

Please sirs, return to the true doctrine. Do not become another BJU. We already have one.

May God grant us all His mercy, grace, and love as we humbly and with no guile serve our King.

With Sincerity and Truth,

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