

The Bible Ark Bible Study Program

Introduction – Reading of the Introduction and the Preface to the Scofield Study Bible

In the study today I will be reading the Introduction from the Old Scofield Study Bible, as well as the Preface from the 1917 version of the Old Scofield revision. I will be making these two sections available to you as a download from my Website as PDF documents.

Before we move on with the reading, I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on the program from yesterday. I hope that you did not feel that I was being irreverent by putting myself into character when I read from the two different passages yesterday. That was certainly not my intention. I have a great respect for the passages that I read to you. I know that my attempt at Jacobean English was most certainly lacking; however, it did not seem appropriate to read those particular passages in plain ol' Americana. Perhaps there may come a time when I am able to actually do a bit of rehearsal and to rerecord them with a little more quality in my performance and, most importantly, an emulation that would be honoring to the English spoken by the translators and the true gravity of message itself. Nevertheless, I would like to point out something important. If you are a Shakespeare aficionado, you may have noticed that the language of Shakespeare is a little different from the language in the messages that I read to you yesterday. This is primarily due to the fact that Shakespeare wrote his plays to be heard by the common audience. The two messages that I read to you are pieces that were written by very learned and noble men and directed to the King himself, an audience of clergymen, and educated and sober church members of no small degree of piety. The two audiences are very different, and thus the language of the messages is very different. Likewise, you will notice that the language of the Bible is not the same as Shakespeare nor is it the same as the messages that I read to you yesterday.

We must remember that we are reading a translation. The translators never attempted to change the language of the Bible. All that they did was to put the Bible into words that you and I can understand. They did everything that they could to preserve the original language of God's Holy Word. Therefore, when we read the King James Bible, we are not actually reading Jacobean English. The form of English certainly is influenced by the Jacobean English of that day, but the language of the King James Bible is less influenced by the Jacobean English of that day than it is by the language of God Himself (and the servants that He chose to pen His Word). Moreover, I am convinced that if we were to go back in time and look at the original manuscripts of the books of the Bible, we would find that they very seldom match up against the language of those days that they were written in. All of these words of the Bible were written by men, but it was all under the influence and leading of the Holy Spirit or in certain cases by direct revelation (as was with Moses). God's men do not communicate with God through the language of men. They communicate with God through the language of God. Remember this is what I explained to you earlier in our studies; it is in prayer that we learn to hear from God. We not only learn of His will for our lives, but we learn the language and voice of God.

Let us ask God to teach us to understand His voice.

Heavenly father, thank you for the way that you use your faithful servants in a way completely embodies their individual personalities, yet in the most marvelous way it also reflects your nature and your way of

communicating to us. Bless us now Father that we would learn and understand how to recognize and discern the truth of your Word and the Voice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the leading of the Spirit of God.

Again, I thank you praise you for all the people that are praying on behalf of this program. Let the Holy Spirit be our guide and teacher, as we learn more about your excellent Word and the truth of your Word.

We pray in Jesus's name. Amen!

Introduction from the Old Scofield Bible

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Point II:

Keep in mind that this passage was written in 1909; that was 112 years ago. The intensity and the breadth of Bible study that Scofield is speaking of here has grown exceedingly more in the 112 years since then ... in good ways and in bad ways. There is a great difference between the development of truth back then and the wild unchecked wanderings of Bible expositors and teachers in the last hundred years. There have been some amazing truths that have been uncovered, enhanced, and expounded upon; however, there has also been many dangerous developments that have entered into the body of Biblical knowledge. This is the very thing that both Peter and Jude warn us of in their epistles: 2nd Peter Chapter two and all of Jude.

I want to make it very clear to you my dear listeners. I am no Bible expositor. I am resting what I preach to you on backs of much greater men than I. I defer to Dr. McGee and to Dr. Scofield and the many great men that they learned from. I certainly have my opinions, but honestly my opinions should not have as much weight in your eyes as what these other men tell us about the Bible. Regardless, it should always come down to the Bible itself: the Word of God. What does the Word of God say? That is the ultimate test. That is what is truly important.

Point XI:

At some point, we will try to get into background of some of these Biblical scholars that Scofield mentions here as we touch on the original manuscripts. Dr. McGee mentions several of these scholars in the course of his five-year study, but he seldom gives any clear history on them. Hopefully, we can reach a little better understanding of their place in history as we encounter each mention of them in future studies.

Reading of Preface to the 1917 Version

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I hope you can join us tomorrow as we continue reading more of the introductory material from the Scofield Study Bible.

Closing Remarks

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Please understand that this program, the Bible Ark, is meant to be a complement to the Thru the Bible Bible Study program, by Dr. J. Vernon McGee. It is in not meant to be a replacement.

My hope and my prayer is that you will sit down with me with your Bible open and that you will read the Bible with me as I speak. Then go listen to the Thru the Bible broadcast. If you follow that method, you will grow in your understanding of the Word of God in ways you never dreamed possible.

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