

# 6. The Prohibition of Truth

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Scripture Reading Matt 23:13-35

We will be continuing on with our study concerning the King James Version of the Bible and why we believe it is indeed the perfect preserved word of God for the English speaking people.

So far we have looked at 5 elements surrounding the KJV;

1. The Source of Truth
2. The persona of Truth
3. The Preservation of Truth
4. The proclamation of Truth
5. The Protest of Truth

Today we have the Prohibition of Truth, that is, how man throughout history has resisted the truth of God, from Gods own people, Israel, to the heathen world, and now sadly, culminating in Christians and those who call themselves Christian.

To all of these people there is an ongoing Satanic aversion to the truth, and so they Prohibit it.

The 7<sup>th</sup> message will be **The Permutation of Truth** (that is, how the truth will be replaced, this is now in the works but will be yet coming).

The 8<sup>th</sup> is **The Permanence of Truth**, Showing that all efforts to disannul Gods words will come to naught. Though man would rather go to hell than believe the words of God, Gods words will remain, and the names of the wicked will rot ([Prov 10:7](#))

Our focus this morning is on;

[Matthew 23:34–35](#)

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## Introduction

My desire this morning is to demonstrate to you that the perfect truth of God has been despised to the point of prohibition again and again in history past.

We see it prohibited physically, philosophically

But not only was it demonstrated historically, it was also prophesied to occur, that it had a purpose, a specific goal as an 'end goal' against man by Satan, to deceive man out of Gods kingdom.

But finally, to show that those who have done so have an end that is not good. Those who have denied Gods words, created doubt in Gods words, face to themselves at best the risk of being a Castaway with all their works burnt up, and at worst risk as Jude writes, "*to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever*" (Jd 13)

The Prophecy of Prohibition.

The Performance of Prohibition.

The Purpose of Prohibition

The Price Of Prohibition

## The Prophecy of Prohibition.

[Matthew 23:34–35](#)

*<sup>34</sup> Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:*

Almost one third of the Bible is Prophecy, in other words, an huge portion of the Bible speaks with absolute certainty of things that will occur at a time and point later than that which it was written.

We see Moses from the first, speak of many things that will come upon Israel with incredible detail. We see this with Samuel who was known as a "Seer", later called a 'Prophet'. King David who is also known as a "Prophet" and the list goes on.

We have in our Old testament no less than 17 books out of 66 that are specifically known as the books of the Prophets (5 Major and 12 minor), then add to this all th portions of prophetic statements in the Bible and we have quite a percentage of Prophecy.

Jesus indeed speaks of prophets as far back as Abel, whom Cain slew as a historical marker for the Prohibition of Truth (we will address that shortly).

What is of interest is that these very prophets themselves testify to the truth of Gods words.

Jesus said, [John 13:19](#)

*<sup>19</sup> Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.*

Why do we have prophecy in the Bible? That ye may believe God at his word.

In this passage Jesus speaks plainly that God will send to the people prophets, speaking the very words of God, but the people will not believe, they will persecute the truth, they will prohibit the truth.

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Turn in your bibles to;

[2 Timothy 3:1–9](#)

*<sup>1</sup> This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. <sup>2</sup> For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, <sup>4</sup> Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. <sup>6</sup> For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, <sup>7</sup> Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, **so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.** <sup>9</sup> But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.*

Paul here writes to Timothy, going into incredible detail with respect to the times that are to come, he says “*perilous times shall come*”.

To which he writes of the future nature and character of men within the Church.

The description here is not of the world, this was always the nature of those in the world, we see descriptions of them in Romans 1, in Galatians 5 etc.

No, Paul writes about the state of the Church.

Men who ultimately are men who “*resist the truth: men of corrupt minds*, [even] *reprobate concerning the faith*”.

Synonyms to the word “Reprobate” are;

Depraved, perverted, sinful, debased, degenerate.

Now, clearly this is not a description of everyone who does not believe the King James Bible are reprobate!

But it does speak of the nature of the mind of men within the Church in the last of the last days. Therefore we should already be seeing signs of the Church moving rapidly into the final stage of the Church, the great apostasy is underway and will have its culmination in that day.

What we should see is that more and more men will “*resist the truth*”. This is a proof that the Bible itself IS TRUE, for the signs of the times testify to it.

Now notice the text if you will respecting the “*perilous times*”.

Paul writes a range of character traits, the first of which is, “*for men shall be lovers of their own selves*”.

What I have come to see as I have debated this issue with many men, is that they ultimately do not wish to be ‘dethroned’ from being their own final authority. They have vainly come to trust in their own minds and so look for all evidence that might justify themselves, rather than to “*examine himself*” (1 Cor 11:28).

Those who are “*righteous in their own eyes*”,

Rather than “Search the scriptures to see if those whings were so” as the noble Bereans did for Pauls preaching, these rather search the books that agree with their own misguided ideas.

They have a greater desire to be right than to believe the truth.

Clearly the Bible teaches that there would be persecution and prohibition against the Truth, and this would go on the end of history.

## The Performance of Prohibition.

### Matthew 23:35

*<sup>35</sup> That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.*

Important to understand that when Jesus spoke of them killing Abel and all the prophets through to Zacharias, he spoke of the Old Testament from beginning to end.

The Jewish Old testament does not conclude with Malachi as it does in our Bibles, it concludes with Chronicles.

First are the five books of Moses, next are the books of the prophets, lastly are the writings, last of which is Chronicles.

The death of Zacharias was recorded in [2 Chron 24:20-21](#).

This is a part of the history of the Prohibition of Truth, but it did not end there.

The first to despise the truth was Israel themselves. Though the last of the prophets recorded was Zecharias, he was not the final one to be killed for preaching the truth.

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Who's death signified the beginning of the persecutions from the Jews against the truth.

His death witnessed in Scripture, Acts 7, turn there with me for a moment as we read a short portion of the account and consider what it was that directly led to his death;

### [Acts 7:51–60](#)

*<sup>51</sup> Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: <sup>53</sup> Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.*

*<sup>54</sup> When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, **and they gnashed on him with their teeth.** <sup>55</sup> But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, <sup>56</sup> And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. <sup>57</sup> **Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,** <sup>58</sup> And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. <sup>59</sup> And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. <sup>60</sup> And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

Consider that it was for the truth he died.

The Prohibition of the Truth testified.

James the brother of John, thrust through with the sword.

History testifies to;

- Phillip, the evangelist first scourged severely and then crucified some eight years after James the brother of John.
- Matthew, killed by a Halberd (A Axe like spear with a steel spike), in the city of Nadabar, Parthia.
- Mark: Dragged through the streets of Alexandria Egypt by his feet, left in a dungeon with his body burned the following day.

- James the less, the brother of Jesus who became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, at 94 years of age, was thrown down, beaten, stoned and clubbed to the head till death took him.
- Mathias, the apostle who took the place of Judas, stoned and then beheaded.
- Andrew, the brother of Peter, lashed to a transfixed cross for two days, preached the Gospel until he expired. Known as St Andrews Cross.
- Peter the apostle, in the city of Rome during the reign of Nero, preached and converted 2 captains of the guard and 47 other men during the nine months he was imprisoned, finally taken just as the Lord said he would be, arms stretched out on an upside down cross after being first severely scourged with his flesh torn from his body.
- Paul the Apostle, suffered many trials for the truths sake, most of which we have in the scriptures. Beaten, stoned and left for dead in the city of Lystra, imprisoned in Phillipi, persecuted in Thessalonica, taken by Nero and then beheaded simply for preaching that Christ died for our sins and all who believe have eternal life. (It does not seem that such a thing is so deserving of such punishment....unless it is the Truth itself that needs to be prohibited.
- Jude: Crucified in 78ad
- Bartholomew, beaten, Crucified and taken down prior to expiring and then beheaded.
- Thomas, the timid disciple of Christ, preached with passion the truth of Christ and was thrust through with a spear in India.
- Luke, the beloved physician, preached to the barbarians until the priest of Greece had him hung on Olive Trees,
- Simon the zealot, preached in both Africa and Britain, and crucified at the end of his ministry.
- Barnabus, who's death manner was uncertain, yet died about the year 73 AD.
- John the apostle, St John, author of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, sent bound to Rome by Emperor Domitian, cast into a caldron of boiling oil but miraculously was unharmed that he may be banished to the Island of Patmos where he wrote his Apocalypse, died at near 100 years of natural causes as Christ prophesied.

Beloved, from that time to this there has been no end of prohibition for the truth.

The Inquisitions of the Roman Catholic Church were the most devil inspired persecutions of them all, more terror was unleashed and more blood thirst enacted by this satanic cult than any other in history. To them is the blood of the martyrs spoken of in the Revelation of Christ. The cup of abominations is theirs, for which we have no time to speak on.

The greatest of all was Jesus!

*“What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all” (Jn 18:38).*

Never in history would we see a greater injustice.  
Never so great a picture of the historical Prohibition of truth.

The Truth would stand a mock trial.  
Judged by a kangaroo court.

The truth would be spat at, **laughed to scorn**, mocked, beaten, scourged, nailed to a cross, mocked again, left to die, and to ensure truth was dead, he was pierced, the blood mingled with the evidence of his suffering by his persecutors, until finally buried.

But truth would never remain in the grave, **it would rise and remain forever. We will see this evident more in the last of the series, The PERMANANCE OF TRUTH.**

## The Purpose of Prohibition

### Matthew 23:13

***13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.***

The Purpose of Prohibition was ultimately to keep people out of heaven.

The scribes and Pharisees are not unlike modern scribes and ministers of no value. They distort the simplicity of the word of God in order to make themselves the rulers of the people.

In turning people away from God and toward themselves, they turn mens eyes away from Christ and place it upon themselves.

The simplicity of God is rejected.

**They strain at a gnat and swallow a camel said Jesus**, in other words, they reject the simplest of things within the word of God but are willing to swallow the most convoluted ideas in order to maintain their own error to turn mens hearts away from God toward themselves.

They complicate that which God made simple.

**This is what occurs every single time heresies are taught.**

- Those who teach you can lose your salvation need to then defend what the point of Jesus dying in the cross. The Roman Catholic system is the most convoluted set of intricate ideas ever devised by man simply because of the notion that Salvation is not really salvation and Jesus was not really the Saviour.
- Those who teach there is no trinity, need to explain 1 John 5:7 and all the passages of the Bible that attribute everything from creation to the raising up of Christ to all three persons of the Godhead.

- Those who teach we no longer have a perfect Bible, need to explain why God promised we would;
  - How could he have promised to preserve his words if he lost them?
  - How it could be he does not have the power to keep his promises?
  - How is it possible that God would lie?
  - How man can somehow obstruct God's ability to preserve his words?
  - And how God is limited by language?

The Truth of the Word of God was being corrupted LITERALLY from the first century, its PURPOSE was to turn away the minds from Christ;

[2 Corinthians 2:15–17](#)

***17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.***

If men could only corrupt the word of God, people would no longer trust it.

**1831:** *"...It has been urged on your Committee, by an enlightened member of your [Unitarian] Society, that the theological information which they seek to diffuse [i.e. Unitarian doctrines] must meet with serious obstructions so long as the Authorized Version of the Scriptures, notwithstanding all its merits of general accuracy, and its greater merits of taste, continues to be the final appeal of the English reader in matters of controversy...the mere circulation of another translation of the Scriptures would tend to shake the indiscriminating veneration for the Common Version which prevails...Three plans presented themselves; either to attempt a new translation; or to adopt and circulate some existing version of the New Testament..."* (The Monthly Repository of Theology and General Literature, Volume 12, 1831)

Warning men against the risk of hell and damnation was in every way a way to ensure they would end their lives there.

The Unitarians of 1881 were indeed very pleased. They believed the RV was ushering in a new, liberal age that no longer trembled before the Holy Scriptures:

*"The Revised Version of the New Testament...Rational Christians of all churches appear to view with pleasure the departure of the old words 'damnation' and 'damned'...a more temperate tone will be the result. The effect of the publication of the new version will, however, be far more felt in the breaking of the spell...Already it is plain here that the Bible will be read and quoted in a far more open, free, and reasonable way...a great work has been done..."* (The Unitarian Review and Religious Magazine, Volume 16, 1881)

*"In the Third Universalist Church...the Pastor, the Rev. S. A. Gardner, read his scripture lesson from the revised edition of the New Testament...In the new version, he said, we have a more liberal view...the word 'hell' is practically rejected...never before have [Universalist, liberal interpretations]...been so authoritatively acknowledged by orthodox Christians..."* (The New York Times, May 23, 1881)



Annihilationist's also praised the corrupt new version of the Bible in 1881, these are those who vainly hope there is no Hell and man simply ceases to exist at death;

*"Indeed, it must be admitted on all hands that all the recent amendments that have been made in our Old Version have been directly in the line of the doctrine we hold, and are contributing greatly to strengthen our position."* (John Hancock Pettingell, *The Life Everlasting*, 1883)

This all attended for the same purpose as that which Jesus spoke of against the pharisees;

***<sup>13</sup> But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.***

Matthew 23:15

***<sup>15</sup> Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.***

The Truth of the word of God was persecuted to death from that first century to the time of the English Translators of the Bible.

95% of what we have in the New Testament today are the English words penned by **William Tyndale in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.**

He was first betrayed by a man who gained his full trust, but was a plant of the Roman Catholic Counter Reformation.

William Tyndale was contended against by a Learned Churchman who said *people must desire the words of the Pope above the words of the Bible*, Tyndale responded saying;

*"I defy the Pope and all his laws. If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy the driveth the plow shall know more of the Scripture than thou doest"*

He later wrote something we ALL should understand with simplicity when translating the New Testament;

*"It was IMPOSSIBLE to establish the people in any truth unless the scripture were plainly laid before their eyes in their mother tongue"*

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1536 William Tyndale was put to the stake, the kindling about his feet, a rope was corded around his neck and before it was pulled tightly enough to kill him he cried out with a loud voice; ***"LORD, OPEN THE KING OF ENGLANDS EYES"***.

Almost 70 years later, after the death of many translators of the English Bible, the King of England commissioned a Bible in the common tongue of the people, an English translation that would become the greatest volume of English work in history and remain revered to this day by countless millions around the world.

Tell me, is your Bible the result of the shed blood of the martyrs, or is it from the planned profits of the merchandisers?

The motivation of first English Bible was to get the word of God into the language of the people, the motivation of today's English Bibles are to get profits into the hands of deceivers.

## The Price Of Prohibition

### Matthew 23:34–35

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There are warnings in the Bible for those who would change anything found therein. All who do so run the most terrible risk and I cannot understand how it is they continue to not see the danger they are in as they turn the ears of the people away from hearing the words of God.

Israel silenced the prophets by taking their lives, we have silenced them by obscuring their words.

### Deuteronomy 4:1

*<sup>1</sup> Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.*

### Revelation 22:18–19

*<sup>18</sup> For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: <sup>19</sup> And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

So many Pastors simply do not have the fear of these passages that they should have.

Far to many have not given any due consideration to the simple and logical consequence of creating doubt in Gods words and I truly do fear for them.

How can it be that from the beginning of the Bible, to the end of the Bible we could have such a warning, and also see throughout the entirety of the word of God how God has dealt with men who reject his words, or who presume to speak for God and God has dealt with them, how can it be that we have so many historical representatives in the Bible of turning peoples hearts away from following the Lord, yet even the most fundamental of Christian pastors still deny we have God's perfect words?

It truly breaks my heart.

*“They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.”* Those words of Jonah haunt me. They haunt me because they burden me so much for those who have so easily observed such lying vanities and realise that it is even against their own soul.

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### Jude 8–13

*<sup>8</sup> Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. <sup>10</sup> But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. <sup>11</sup> Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and **ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward**, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. <sup>12</sup> **These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; <sup>13</sup> Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.***

Job records for us the state of the heart of such people,

### Job 21:14

*<sup>14</sup> Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; **for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.***

Never has there been a time in history that we need Gods words more than today.

- Never has the truth been so roundly prohibited as it is today. How many are the vanities of men?

- How many philosophies have been created and devised to turn the truth of God into a lie?
- How many souls are destined to perish simply because so many Pastors facilitate the doubt in Gods words?

The predominant language of the entire world is English.

It was a language that rose out of obscurity around the 7<sup>th</sup> century and came to dominate the known world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. How could it be possible that God would not have known this and provide a perfect Bible for us when we need it most?

The words of the Bible warn of the danger of mankind and show to man the way of salvation.

Yes, hell is spoken of because that is where man deserves to be for their sin against God, but God has provided salvation.

The warning of hell is clear.

The way of salvation is equally clear.

*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”* (Acts 16:31)

*“Whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life”* (jn 3:16)

*“he that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that beeliveth not is condemned already. Because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God”* (Jn 3:18)