

Believing Bibliology: Session Four

Textual Criticism – An Evaluation

“Assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away,
one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”
—Matthew 5:18—

- I. Review and Introduction
 - a. Definition of Textual Criticism

 - b. Two Important Figures
 - i. *Erasmus* (1516)

 - ii. *Westcott and Hort* (1881)

- II. The Modern “Canons” of Textual Criticism
 - a. Canon 1: _____.

 - b. Canon 2: _____.
 - i. *Matthew 1:7* – “Asa” or “Asaph”?

 - ii. Critique: Inconsistently Applied
 - 1. *Jude 5* – “Jesus” or “the Lord”?

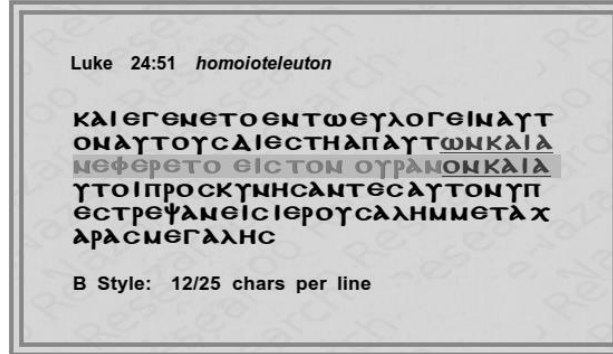
 - 2. *Eph. 5:30*

 - c. Canon 3: _____.

 - d. Canon 4: _____.

i. Jude 5

ii. Homoioteleuton



III. Concluding Thoughts

- a. There are difficulties on both sides.
- b. Providential preservation (WCF 1.8) must mean *something*.
- c. The presuppositions of modern NT textual criticism are suspect at best.
- d. What we need is balance.

Helpful Resources

Robert Lewis Dabney – The Doctrinal Various Readings of the New Testament Greek

Robert Lewis Dabney – The Revised Version of the New Testament