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Celebrating the Book From Heaven in 2011

Introduction: Four hundred years ago, God gave us the King James Bible. From 1611 until 2011 every major revival can be connected with the teaching and preaching from this precious gift that our Lord has given to us.

One of the authorities, if not the authority, on the origin of our King James Bible is Dr. Al Lacy. This year we will have the honor and privilege of having this great, Bible preacher expound on, for, and about the King James Bible.

Thinking in the light of what we say that we believe about this wonderful English Bible, what is it that we believe that God wants us to do with it?

FIRST: THE DUTY THAT WE SEE. ECCLESIASTES 12:13

"Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." If a man's head is filled with corruptible seed, then his mind will be filled with doubt because of the tainted information that he has been given. This is why there are a few preachers that are willing to lay down their life in defense of the King James Bible, the only properly translated English Bible in existence. The eternal soul must have the Eternal Word in order to be born again.

1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

Friend, if you do not have an incorruptible Bible, then how can you be saved?

If it is our duty to keep His commandments, then we are commanded:

1. Not to add to the Word of God. *Revelation 22:18, "...if any man shall add unto these things..."*
2. Not to take away from the Word of God. *Revelation 22:19, "And if any man shall take away..."*

SECOND: THE DANGER THAT WE FACE. HEBREWS 4:2

The danger that we face is that of not allowing our hearing to be mixed with faith. Once you allow the Scribes and Pharisees in this world to place doubt in your mind about the inerrant and infallible Word of God, you will cease to grow as a Christian. Yes, you will still sit on church pews, and even think of what a wonderful sermon that was, but your hearing will not be mixed with faith.

"...but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

By the way, God's Word is essential to salvation.

Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

THIRD: THE DEPARTURE THAT WE SHOULD FEAR. II TIMOTHY 4:10

"For Demas hath forsaken me; having loved this present world, and is departed..."

Once we stop obeying the Word of God, the things of this world become more and more appealing. Show me the person that praises the music program and yawns at the preaching, and I'll show you a person that either doubts the truth of God's Word, or has allowed himself to be distracted by the pleasures of this world. That man will stake his life upon the promises of the crowd that has always wanted to destroy him.

James 1:23-24, "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

FOURTH: THE DIRECTION THAT WE WILL MISS. PSALM 119:105

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

The Bible says of Enoch, *"Enoch walked with God."* That would never have been if he were not obeying what God was telling him to do.

To walk with God is a direction that we are traveling and progress that we are making.

There is no real progress if we are not traveling in the direction that the Word of God has revealed to us.

Matthew 22:37, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart..."

Conclusion: May I ask you a question? In what direction will you be investing you life during this year of 2011? How about your children? *Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go."*

Before your children can go in the right direction they must be taught that such a direction exists. That direction begins in Christ. *John 14:6, "Jesus said unto him, I am the way..."*