

Worship in Song

“Ancient Words”

(Matthew 24:35)

- Introduction:
1. Tonight’s song address the word of God.
 2. Much is said about the word of God within the Bible, itself (Psalm 119).
 3. The message of tonight’s song teaches us importance of God’s word.

I. The Relationship of God’s Word to Our Salvation

- A. (Psalm 119:105).
- B. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- C. (2 Timothy 3:15).
- D. (John 12:48).

II. Holy Words, Long Preserved

- A. Can we have confidence that we possess the unadulterated word of God today?
 1. (Psalm 119:160).
 2. Old Testament – Masoretic Text (10th century).
- B. How do we know there haven’t been huge changes to the text?
- C. Yes, we can have confidence.
 1. If the Bible illuminates the path to salvation (Psalm 119:105), and God doesn’t want any of us to perish (2 Peter 3:9), then would an all-knowing and all-powerful God allow his word to be perverted so that mankind would be lost?
 2. (John 10:35) Scripture cannot be broken.
 3. Dead Sea Scrolls – 1947.
 4. Manuscripts, Versions, Church Fathers.
- D. Those who helped preserve God’s word sometimes paid with their lives.

III. Ancient Words, Changing Me and Changing You

- A. God’s word is designed to change us (Romans 12:2).
- B. Far too many are trying to change God’s word rather than change the way they think or their behavior.
 1. It cannot be believed unless it rings true to our deepest capacity for truth and goodness. If it contradicts this, it cannot be believed. If it falsifies this, it cannot be accepted” (Out Proud and Christian).
 2. “Whatever excuses we make for Paul, it seems to me most honest to say, yes, perhaps Paul is condemning homosexuality...But the bottom line for you is: so what? Paul was wrong about a number of other things too...you and he stand on equal footing when it comes to what ‘the Spirit’ has told you...What the Holy Spirit tells you is a greater authority for your life than

what the Holy Spirit may or may not have told Paul” (Out Proud and Christian).

3. Matthew Vines in his book entitled, “God and the Gay Christian” expressed a very similar approach to the Scriptures. He wrote that one of the reasons for “losing confidence in the belief that same-sex relationships are sinful: it no longer made sense to me.”
4. “God said it is wrong’ is not a good enough answer” (What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality).
5. The role of women, how we worship, baptism, etc.

IV. Ancient Words Give Us Hope & Help Us Cope

- A. (John 14:1-3).
- B. (Revelation 2:10).
- C. (Romans 8:28).
- D. (John 6:68).

Conclusion: 1. Let’s sing this song with appreciation of God’s providence in producing and preserving his word for us.