

It is well-established that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. God's chain of preservation requires His people to receive, copy, and to pass on to others what they have been given. The assurance of the next generation receiving God's Word is only as certain as our generation's resolve to not become the weak link in God's plan. By your involvement in Bible publishing through *National Bible Publishing Month*, you can be a strong link in passing on God's Word to the next generation. How much strength will you lend to the chain of preservation?

We have been told that each Scripture distributed in a third-world country will be read by seven people on average. How many opportunities have you had to impact this many souls for Christ? What more worthwhile effort could we possibly involve ourselves in than one having such an eternal value!

#### Answer Key

1. *promises*
2. *time*
3. *trust*
4. *expire*
5. *fail*
6. *providence*
7. *people*
8. *received*
9. *impossible*



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# PRESERVATION

## GOD ILLUMINATES A GENERATION

ADULT LESSON 3

# LESSON THREE: PRESERVATION

## God Illuminates A Generation

A FEW

A PEOPLE GROUP

A GENERATION

THE WORLD



What value would there be in giving mankind a divine inspired revelation, and then letting what had been written go by the wayside?

I. God's \_\_\_\_\_ of Preservation (Ps. 12:6 - 7)  
God's promise found in this passage rests on two main factors, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Time Factor- God's Word will never \_\_\_\_\_  
"from this generation for ever" (vs. 7 also Ps.119:152, 160; Isa. 40:8; 1 Pt. 1:23-25).

1. Not eroded by time.
2. Not corrupted by death.

B. Trust Factor - God's Word will never \_\_\_\_\_  
"this generation (people) for ever" (vs.7, Ps.119:89-91, 111).

1. Not affected by circumstances.
2. Not changed by opinions.
3. Not overruled by powers.

II. God's \_\_\_\_\_ in Preservation

The Lord records two instances where His originals were written and then destroyed. Shortly after their destruction, God initiated a plan to rewrite His Word.

A. Moses on Sinai

1. Ex. 32:15-16 — First Written
2. Ex. 34:1-4 — Rewritten

B. Jeremiah and Jehoiakim

1. Jer. 36:2 — First Written
2. Jer. 36:28 — Rewritten

III. God's \_\_\_\_\_ for Preservation

For us to have God's Word in our generation, many people had to be involved in this process.

A. Preservation was done by people protecting, copying, and passing on the portion of Scripture they had \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Multiple copies kept in various places made it \_\_\_\_\_ for every copy to be destroyed and God's Word extinguished, in spite of multiple all-out efforts by wicked world leaders.

1. Priests - (Num. 3:31; Num. 4:4; Num. 18:1-7)
2. Kings - (Deut. 17:18-20)
3. Church (Christians-Royal priesthood) - (Rev. 1:5-6; Rev. 5:10; 1 Pt. 2:5, 9)

(From Wilmington's Guide to the Bible)

*Along with God's recognition of our royal standing and our priesthood, we are also afforded the rights granted to us of both roles; additionally, we carry the responsibilities of these roles for the generations that follow. An appropriate illustration exemplifying the indestructibility of the Word of God is an anvil. It is told that a visitor to a blacksmith shop noticed a pile of discarded hammers, but only one huge anvil. The visitor asked how often the anvil is replaced at which the smith answered, "Never! It is the anvil which wears out the hammers you know!" The hammers of persecution have pounded vicious blows upon the divine anvil of the Word of God. However, they lie in heaps as the discarded hammers in the blacksmith's shop, while the mighty anvil of the Scriptures stands strong. (p. 811.)*

*The renowned philosopher, Voltaire stated, "In another century, there will not be a Bible on the earth." Ironically, after Voltaire's death, his personal printing press (which once produced his own humanistic writings) and his house, were purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and made a depot for Bibles. (p. 813)*