

I set this open question to you, Brethren, in the context of Preaching. For the doctrine of Scripture is tested by the doctrine of Preaching.

*Is Preaching Possible?*

Only, if the Bible open on the pulpit *is* the Word of God, and thus inspired, infallible, inerrant.

Yes, there are only two choices: either, (1) the Bible on our pulpits, and elsewhere, *is* the inspired Word of God, or (2) it is the uninspired word of man.

If you deny the first choice, as *The Outlook* does, then you are stuck with the second. But the second choice makes true Preaching impossible -- as the tragic history of Liberalism so clearly demonstrates.

The Church, as we believe it, stands or falls with true Preaching. And true Preaching stands or falls with the belief that an inspired Bible lies open on the pulpit. How else shall the Word go forth: *Thus saith the Lord!*...

Meanwhile, Brethren, *The Outlook* is your magazine. Does it here speak for you?

Listen to it further, as you make up your mind: "For all practical purposes, we can take a modern translation in hand -- even the King James with all its errors -- and say, 'This is the Word of God.' It is not the Word of God, because it is not the original, which the Holy Spirit inspired ..." (a quote from Dr. Palmer's article in the January 1977 issue of *The Outlook*).

Look for a moment at the Bible, in your hand or on the pulpit, and see if your lips can frame your *Outlook's* words: "*It is not the Word of God...*" For then -- it is only the word of man!

Is that now *your* doctrine of Scripture?

Briefly, *The Outlook's* scenario runs like this: God once inspired the original writers of the bible. He preserved them from all error as they committed His inspired (God-breathed) Word to writing. But, alas, those original manuscripts (called the autographs, or autographa) were lost, or worn out, or destroyed in the course of time. But what happened, then, to that inspired Word? *The Outlook*