

Is the Bible you read:

**The
True
Sayings
of
God?**

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Preface

Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

2 Corinthians 3:12 KJV

Although there have been many fine books written on the subject of the attack on the Bible, most are so full of technical terminology and ‘scholarly’ arguments that many people can only read them in a hit and miss fashion. They must skip over all of the parts that are full of words and phrases of which the average person has no comprehension. With that in mind, I wanted to put together a work that would bring forth an understanding of this matter through a simple side-by-side comparison of the King James Version and the ‘modern’ translations coupled together with some relevant commentary.

It is my desire this book would be useful to all who have an interest in this matter; whether it be the casual interest of someone not yet fully aware of the importance of this issue, or the ravenous hunger of someone desperately seeking (as I was) for information on this topic, and examples of the changes found in the ‘modern’ bible versions. It will take a pretty healthy appetite on this subject to consume this entire book; and while I did not want to overwhelm anyone with more than they can digest on this matter, I also did not want to shortchange anyone that was hoping for a thorough look into this issue.

This book can be approached in any number of ways, which should make it useful and informative to all readers no matter what their level of interest might be. It is not a book that has a plot or developing theme which would make it necessary for a person to read it from cover to cover, or even in any certain order of chapters, to ‘get’ the point. I have structured the chapters into differing themes, but all are presenting the same overall message. Each chapter gives clear examples showing how the ‘modern’ bible versions are corrupted by alterations and deletions which pervert the Scriptures to the point where these ‘new’ translations cannot rightly be called the Word of God. They are not the *true* sayings of God!

Although many people would see this as a work to be read in it’s entirety, and possibly even returned to repeatedly for reference or additional study, some might be content to get an overview of the matter by reading a select number of chapters whose title or theme is of interest to them. Also, to facilitate those looking for a limited but enlightening study, many of the more deplorable changes have been identified by being preceded by the symbol ➡; but if you choose to only partially read this book, I sincerely hope you would include Chapter 17. It could very well save your soul!

As it is my opinion the ‘new’ translations are not the true Scriptures, in this book the word ‘bible’ will not be capitalized when referring to them.

The versions will be abbreviated as follows:

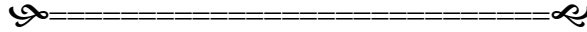
- KJV = King James Version (The inspired and preserved Word of God)
- A.V. = Authorized Version (KJV)
- NKJV = New King James Version (a deceptive title - this is NOT an upgraded KJV!)
- NIV = New International Version
- NASB = New American Standard bible
- NWT = New World Translation (Jehovah Witness - from same W/H Greek as NIV, NASB, etc.!)
- RSV = Revised Standard Version
- AMP = The Amplified bible
- NLT = New Living Translation (The Living bible - now called a translation, not a paraphrase!)
- ASV = American Standard Version
- NRSV = New Revised Standard Version

Please note that some of these versions may vary from printing to printing; and although not every single corruption discussed in this book will be found in every ‘modern’ translation, the alterations and deletions are *generally* found to have a frequent occurrence in all.

In each of the 491 examples given the phrase or passage in question will be given in the K.J.V. in **bold type** with the key words that are either altered or deleted highlighted by underlining them.

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Dedication



This work is dedicated to the task of glorifying our great God and Savior:
the Lord Jesus Christ.

And to those in the Body of Christ who realize that the priestly responsibility to proclaim the integrity of God's Word was passed from the Levitical Priesthood to the Born-again Believer, and have pledged to do so faithfully.

A special thank-you to Brother Ron Countryman for speaking into my life the truth concerning this issue of the divine inspiration, and preservation, of God's Holy Word. (I also greatly miss all that good preaching on faith and holiness!)

Why include the Jehovah Witness - New World Translation?

In the early years of the Jehovah Witness / Watchtower organization their members used a King James Bible for their study and devotions. But as things progressed somewhat their people were given a sheet listing what were called 'spurious' passages - verses or portions of verses which their organization had decided needed to be *removed* from the Holy Scriptures! And the folks would use this reference sheet to aid them as they went through their King James Bible and crossed out the portions of text as they were instructed. Now they had a bible which was less of a rebuke to the false teachings of the J.W. organization. As amazing as this might sound it is true. If you have trouble believing this you can find verification in Les Garrett's "*Which Bible Can We Trust?*". I highly recommend it to anyone with an interest in these matters.

Eventually the Watchtower Tract and Bible Society got it together and (using a corrupted Greek text) produced a bible of their own that was a horrible perversion of God's Word. When it became common knowledge that serious alterations and deletions of text riddled the New World Translation (the J.W. bible) it was rejected as heresy by the Christian community, and became the object of much rebuke. Today that stigma still remains upon the NWT, and almost any mature Christian walking in the truth would freely declare this version to be Satanic deception!

What most people don't realize is that when the Watchtower produced the NWT they used the same corrupt 'Westcott/Hort - Revised Greek Text' used to produce the landslide of other 'modern' versions that have come on the scene in the last few decades. They all either share a common root-text with the NWT, or have the errors of the 'Revised Greek Text' introduced into them at the direction of misguided or apostate translators. This is why the alterations to the other 'new' bibles are so similar to the text of the NWT. What kind of a witness does that give as to the validity of today's most popular bible versions when we see them manifesting the same corruption as the Watchtower version? And what does that say about the discernment (or lack thereof) of the modern Church - that so little thought is given to such matters?

The King James Version and its underlying 'Texus Receptus' is the text the Body of Christ received down through the centuries as the true Word of God. It is my hope that seeing the NWT in allegiance with these other 'modern' versions as they disagree with the KJV (and seeing the similarity of the changes in them) would provoke some alarm in those who might otherwise mistakenly view this as a non-issue.

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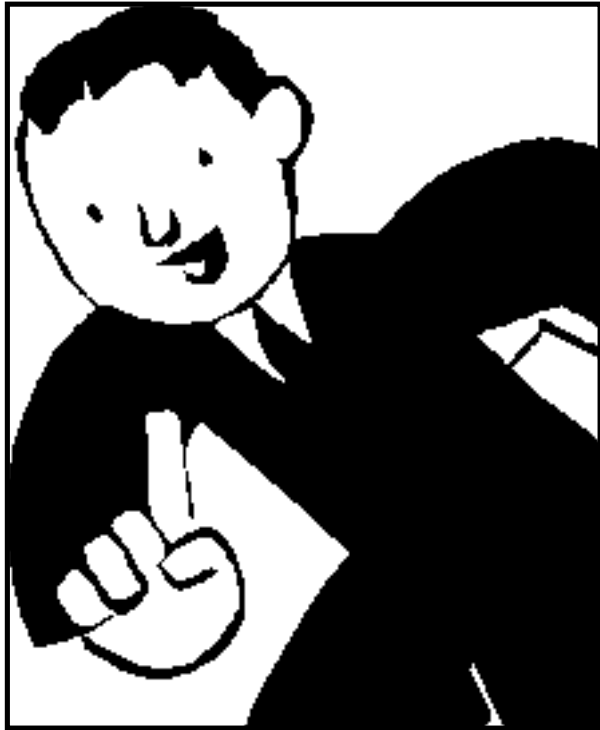
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Do you have a love for the truth?

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Acts 17:11

IS THIS YOU? →



**I have already
made up my mind
on this matter;**

**now please don't
confuse me with the facts !**

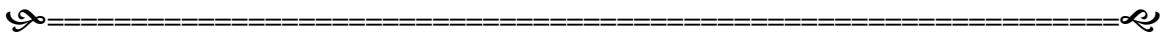
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He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

Proverbs 18:13

Do you blindly accept whatever you have been taught? Or are you someone 'noble' who daily searches out the truth? Please prayerfully consider the information presented here to you. I believe upon reaching the end of this book you too will agree the altered and corrupted 'modern' bible versions are **not** the inspired and preserved Word of God promised in Psalms 12:6-7!

A Disguise so Subtle



...And he saith unto me, **These are the true sayings of God.** Revelation 19:9 KJV

If the Lord moved upon John to write the phrase “the true sayings of God”, then we should take this to mean there are some sayings which people claim to be God’s Word, but are not. What are they? Where can they be found? How can we safeguard ourselves from these counterfeits of the truth?

Satan is the father of all lies. The perversion or alteration of the truth is one of the biggest devices he uses in his campaign against God’s children. The Scriptures give us many clues as to his workings and schemes. If we learn to discern his tactics, and recognize them in operation against us, then we can ward off his lies and thwart his efforts to lead us astray.

One of the primary things we need to know about the maneuvers of our enemy is that he is a master at disguising himself and his lies; making him and them to appear as if they were the real thing from God! (*For among my people are found **wicked men**: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; **they set a trap, they catch men.** Jeremiah 5:26 KJV*) What is the trap these wicked men set to catch people? Lies! And how do they get people to receive those lies? Let us look at three verses Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, **transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.** (2 Corinthians 11:13-15 KJV)*

There are many truths to glean from that passage; but mainly that we are to expect the lies of the Devil to come to us packaged in such a way *they appear to be coming from God!* And that we should anticipate those lies and false teachings are going to be brought to us by someone who *looks and acts as if they are a servant of God!* Every Sunday countless thousands of Satan’s minions put on a suit and tie, tuck a bible under their arm, and go down to the local church deceiving those who go there looking to hear from

God. That is what those verses we just read are trying to tell us. That the lie is going to look and sound like truth, and the liar is going to look and sound like a servant of Christ! Is every one who ministers from the pulpit a liar and deceiver? No, of course not! However, it should never be far from our minds when we listen to preaching, or teaching, that God is not the only one who uses these means to put forth His message. The enemy also uses the same means to bring forth his counterfeit.

Nevertheless, God has not left us without instruction in how to tell the difference between the true ministers and the false. Jesus said in *Matthew 7:16-17 (KJV)*: *Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.* A true minister will bring forth a good and pure word, and a false worker will bring forth a corrupt word. But the sad fact is many believers cannot discern between the two.

A true minister of the Gospel of Christ will speak forth words of truth that glorify God, and lift up the Lord Jesus. A false worker will eventually betray himself by lying against the truth, and by glorifying himself instead of lifting up Jesus. I have listened to many a sermon that was full of hyper-spiritual talk about the things of God, but which never once mentioned the Lord Jesus Christ! Sermons that were full of the exaltation of the speaker (or hearer), but did little to encourage you to place your trust in God's words. A false worker will steer you away from a confidence that you can yourself learn directly from God through His Word and His Spirit; and he will move you instead to place your confidence in the wisdom and 'revelations' of a man (usually himself), and /or his religious organization.

On one night that I will never forget, I attended a prayer meeting over at a brother and sister's house at which I was told I could expect to hear a speaker who was a renowned man of God. I had heard of this man before, but knew little about him or his ministry. Just that he was world traveled, and highly spoken of by many Christians. Once at the prayer meeting I was introduced to a kindly old gray-haired gentleman who seemed quite pleasant and somewhat soft spoken. His cheerful and down-to-earth manner was one that would certainly put you at ease.

After we had heard some testimony, and sang a few songs, the man began to minister. At once I was uncomfortable in my spirit. I sat there and listened to him tell us at great length how very many years he had been preaching, and where all he had been; all of this with the intent suggested that all these years and miles should cause us to trust in what he had to say. After subjecting us to an hour or so of self promoting stories - designed to let you know how well traveled, experienced and in great demand he was - he began to preach a message.

The message itself was of no alarm to me; it was a typical word of encouragement to someone present that had fallen and was seeking restoration. What was of great alarm to me was the tremendous error brought forth by this man that was interspersed within his exhortation to this person! He would preach a few sentences of his message and then, unexpectedly, he would make a disparaging comment toward the King James Bible. He would preach a while more, and then repeat this assault on the A.V.! All the while making repeated comments about how long he had been preaching, insinuating that we should trust what he was saying because of his experience. Throughout the evening I listened to him make many comments that cast a shadow of doubt on the K.J.V.; even perverting Psalms 12:6 to say that God has said He would '*purify His Word seven times*'! Thus, he gave forth the reasoning the 'modern' translations are an ongoing purification of God's Word. (God's words do not need to be purified! They are already pure. See Psalm 12:6-7 KJV)

Then, to my amazement, he topped all of this off by telling us we should open our Bibles to Romans 8:1 and, with a black marker, cross out the last half of the verse! This, he said, and many other passages need to be **blotted out** of the K.J.V. because they are not supposed to be there! Then he calmly finished his 'message'.

Out of respect for the needs of the person seeking restoration from the Lord that night I felt it best not to address the matter at that time and risk grieving the Spirit; although I did spend the rest of the evening looking for an indication someone else besides me had discerned the Devil in our midst. However, sadly, all I heard were comments about how fortunate we were to have this man there to speak to us. And though speak he did; not one word on all of the horrible errors in the 'modern' translations. Not one word on the N.I.V. being sixty thousand words shorter than it should be. Not a word on the outright lies that can be found in these 'new' translations; only blow after undeserved blow landed on the K.J.V.! In addition,

noticeably missing from his preaching was the much-needed exhortation for the backslidden person to truly repent, and place his trust in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and his confidence in God's Holy Word! Only a quite generic "Don't worry son, trust that God is at work in your life."

I have shared with you this somewhat lengthy story to illustrate how that many times when people hear what they might think is a word from God, it is really Satan using a message that *sounds* quite truthful as a medium through which he can bring forth his corruption and lies. This is his favorite tactic, to turn the truth into a lie! He is so subtle and polished at it that often the hearer is no wiser, only for some reason a little less confident in God (and a little less trusting in His Word) than he was before hearing the message!

It should be no surprise to us that Satan would corrupt the words of God, and then put them into a package called a bible. He has been corrupting God's Word since the Garden of Eden; and attempting to lead man astray with his perversions of the truth. Nevertheless, he cannot corrupt every verse, nor do away with every truth, even though he would very much like to. If he totally threw away all of the Scriptures, and offered to us a complete parcel of lies; most people would have nothing to do with it. Therefore, he has to be very subtle about it. He has to leave things looking and sounding close to the truth, and then hope we would not be able to tell the difference. And this is where many without discernment in these matters are being fooled. They look into these 'modern' versions and see words like "In the beginning", "Be filled with the Spirit", and "For God so loved the world" etc. and, recognizing some phrases from the Bible, mistakenly say that these versions are the Word of God. What they do not understand is that 'Satan's word' is to be found in a *twisting and altering* of 'God's Word'! Satan craftily and subtly comes to attack the believer with a hybrid message that is the truth of God with error mingled in; a poisonous mixture embodying enough of the truth to keep up appearances, but designed to place within you lies and false beliefs that will steal your soul away from the truth.

In John 14:6 we find the words: *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* The only way to eternal life with the Lord is through the truth! Those that turn aside to follow lies will perish. And in John 8:32 the Lord tells us: *And ye shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.*** I am so very thankful for the truth of God that has led me to a faith in Jesus Christ, bringing the gift of God's salvation to me. The truth that has convinced me that I have cleansing through the blood which He shed; and that I have life through His death, burial and resurrection.

In the Scriptures both Paul, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, tell us that we need to 'hold fast' to the truth. (*Prove all things; **hold fast** that which is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 But that which ye have already **hold fast** till I come. Revelation 2:25 KJV*) They tell us to 'hold fast' because there is one who would like us to 'turn loose'! We have faith because of the seed of truth that has been planted in our hearts. Satan would like to uproot our faith by destroying our confidence in God's Word. (*For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold** the beginning of our confidence steadfast **unto the end**; Hebrews 3:14 KJV*) If we are to hold on to our confidence to the end, then we need to develop a discernment concerning the tactics and strategies employed by the Devil in his efforts to steal the truth away from us. Then we can avoid the 'snares' laid before us in Satan's perversions of God's Word; and avoid the poisonous error which has been introduced into the pages of these 'new' translations. God help us, that we might escape 'the snare of the fowler', and live our lives by the true sayings of God. ☺

The NIV omits the following names and titles of Jesus!

(or replaces them with an inferior one.)

<p>Alpha and OmegaRev. 1:11</p> <p>Begotten (Son).....John 3:16 and in all other occurrences!</p> <p>Beloved (Son).....Matt 3:17 Luke 9:35</p> <p>Bridegroom.....Mark 2:19</p> <p>Christ.....Matt 23:8 Mark 13:6 Luke 4:41 Luke 21:8 John 6:69 Acts 2:30 Acts 4:26 Acts 8:37 Acts 16:31 Rom. 1:16 I Cor. 5:4 (twice) I Cor. 9:1 I Cor. 9:18 2 Cor. 10:7 2 Cor. 11:31 Gal. 3:17 Gal 4:7 Phil. 4:13 I Thess. 2:19 I Thess. 3:11 I Thess. 3:13 2 Thess. 1:8 2 Thess. 1:12 I Tim. 2:7 Heb 3:1 I John 1:7 I John 4:3 2 John 9 Rev 12:17 Rev. 22:21</p> <p>Christ Jesus.....Gal. 6:15</p> <p>God.....Acts 15:18 I Tim. 3:16 I Pet. 3:15 Rev. 20:12</p> <p>Good Master.....Matt. 19:16 Mark 10:17</p> <p>holy child.....Acts 4:27 Acts 4:30</p> <p>Jesus.....Matt 8:29, 9:28, 13:36, 13:51, 15:30,16:20, 17:20, 17:22, 18:2, and 24:2</p>	<p>Jesus.....(continued) Mark 5:13, 7:27, 11:14, and 14:18. Luke 7:22 John 4:16, 4:46, 8:20, 11:14, 11:39,13:23, 19:38, 20:15, 21:5, and 21:21. Acts 3:26 Acts 9:29 Acts 19:10 Rom. 15:8 Rom. 16:18 I Cor. 5:52 Cor. 4:62 Cor. 4:11 2 Cor. 5:18 Col. 1:28 Philem. 6 I Pet. 5:10 I Pet. 5:14 Eph.3:9</p> <p>Jesus Christ.....Eph.3:9</p> <p>Jesus Christ our Lord Rom. 1:3</p> <p>just person.....Matt. 27:24</p> <p>Lord.....Matt 13:51 Matt. 28:6 Mark 9:24 Mark 11:10 Luke 7:31 Luke 9:57 Luke 13:25 Luke 17:6 Luke 22:31 Luke 23:42 Acts 7:30 Acts 9:5 Acts 9:6 (twice) Acts 22:16 Rom. 1:6 Rom. 6:11 Rom. 14:6 I Cor. 10:28 I Cor. 15:47 2 Cor. 4:10 Gal. 6:17 I Tim. 1:1 I Tim. 5:21 2 Tim. 4:1</p>	<p>Lord(continued) Titus 1:4 Heb. 10:30 2 John 3</p> <p>Lord Jesus Christ.....Rom.16:24 Eph. 3:14 Col. 1:2 I Thess. 1:1</p> <p>Master (49 times!).....Matt.8:19, 9:11, 12:38, 17:24 19:16, 22:16, 22:24, 22:36, 23:10, 26:18, 26:25, and 26:49. Mark 4:38 5:35, 9:5, 9:17, 9:38, 10:20, 10:35, 11:21, 12:14, 12:19, 12:32, 13:1, 14:14, and 14:45. Luke 3:12, 7:40, 8:49, 9:38, 10:25, 11:45, 12:13, 18:18, 19:39, 20:21, 20:28, 20:39, 21:7, and 22:11. John 1:38, 4:31, 8:4, 9:2, 11:8, 11:28, 13:13, 13:14, and 20:16.</p> <p>ProphetActs 3:23</p> <p>SonDan. 7:13 John 1:18 John 8:35 Acts 3:13 Acts 3:16 Acts 3:26 Heb. 5:8 John 9:35 Acts 8:37 I John 5:13</p> <p>Son of the Living God John 6:69</p> <p>Son of manMatt 18:11 Matt 25:13 Luke 9:56 Rev. 1:13 Rev. 14:14</p> <p>The beginning and the ending Rev. 1:8</p> <p>the first and lastRev. 1:11</p> <p>the WordI John 5:7</p>
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This 'Christ demoting' practice is quite common among the new versions!

Chapter 1.



The Diminishing Word

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, **neither shall ye diminish ought from it**, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*

Deuteronomy 4:2 KJV

When we examine this issue of the deficiencies of the ‘modern’ bible versions one of the first things noticeably apparent is the diminishing of not only the amount of text, but also of the descriptive quality of what text is utilized. It would be quite naive to think this diminishing of God’s Word does not also detract from the insight of the reader by denying him the fullness of comprehension that would have otherwise been available. Recognizing this, I cannot see these changes as any kind of an improvement (as many tout); but instead an act which should be properly categorized as outright robbery!

***➔ Genesis 24:60 K.J.V.** *And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of **thousands of millions**, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.*

NLT: ... “Our sister, may you become the mother **of many millions!**”...

NWT+NASB+AMP: ...Become **thousands of ten thousands**...

NIV: ...may you increase to **thousands upon thousands**...

P.B. Notice how Rebecca’s blessing shrinks from version to version! What’s next: hundreds upon hundreds? With every diminishing change to these words of the Bible, they have less and less impact.

Psalms 68:4 K.J.V. *Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth **upon the heavens** by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.*

NIV: ...sing praise to his name; extol him who rides **on the clouds**...

NASB: ...Lift up a song for Him who rides **through the deserts**...

ASV+AMP: ...cast up a highway for him **that rideth through the deserts**...

NWT: ...Raise up a song to the One **riding through the desert plains**...

P.B. Notice how the position of God is demoted: from Him riding upon the heavens - to down upon the clouds of the earth - and then finally we see Him riding along a highway down on the desert floor!

* Not yet sure of your level of interest? Use the skim feature (➔) to target some of the more alarming changes, and get up to speed on this issue. Then maybe you will see the need to take a closer look!

➔ **Matthew 18:22 K.J.V.** *Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

NIV: Jesus answered, “I tell you not seven times, but **seventy-seven times**.”

NRSV: Jesus said unto him, “Not seven times, but **seventy-seven times**.”

NWT: I say to you, not, up to seventy times, but, up to **seventy-seven times**.

P.B. Here we see the exhortation of the Lord Jesus that we should be willing to forgive a person 490 times reduced to 77! It looks like you don’t have to be nearly as forgiving in this ‘modern’ gospel.

Although most people don’t realize it, this kind of radical change in wording is a very common occurrence in ALL modern bible versions. They do **not** just say the same thing in different words - they completely *change* the meaning of verse after verse of Scripture! Does the true Word of God ever change?

1 Thessalonians 2:16 K.J.V. *Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is **come upon them to the uttermost**.*

NIV: ...they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has **come upon them at last**.

NLT: ...they continue to pile up their sins. But the anger of God has **caught up with them at last**.

NRSV+AMP: ...filling up the measure of their sins; but God’s wrath has **overtaken them at last**.

P.B. These versions make a statement about God’s wrath **at last** catching up with someone; but that is somewhat different from the serious matter of having His wrath come upon you **to the uttermost**.

Matthew 26:60 K.J.V. *But **found none**: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,*

NASB+NIV+NWT+AMP+NRSV+ASV+NLT: **OMIT 2nd WITNESS “YET FOUND THEY NONE”**.

P.B. In the Scriptures there are many guidelines, or ‘spiritual principles’, which help us to stay on track; and also receive the fullness of what it is God is trying to say to us through His words. One of these spiritual principles is found in a phrase repeated many times throughout the Bible: “*In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.*” This was a vital part of judging a matter under the old covenant, but its purpose and usefulness did not stop there. Many times in the Bible, we see where God repeats something two or three times within His Word, or even within a particular passage, to ‘establish’ to us the significance of the subject matter. It is a way He has chosen to magnify an issue and impress upon us the importance of what is being said. This is a crucial part of the structure of God’s Word, but it has been recklessly tampered with in the ‘modern’ translations. Many times we see where they alter or totally remove the second witness and/or additional witnesses of a matter in the Scriptures. For example: If you read Mark 9:44-47 (a passage on hell, and the torment of the wicked), in most ‘modern’ versions the word ‘fire’ is missing four times from these four verses! Not to mention the fact that two times out of three the phrase “*where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched*” is totally omitted from this passage! I have heard many people that study from these ‘new’ versions say they do not believe in a literal ‘fiery’ hell. Why should they if their ‘bible’ does not *establish* this truth within them by an obvious manifold witness?

➔ **Mark 9:47 K.J.V.** *And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into **hell fire**:*

NLT+ASV+NRSV+NIV+AMP+NWT+NASB: ALL **OMIT THE WORD ‘FIRE’ FROM VERSE**.

P.B. Many people have differing opinions on just what hell is like, but this Scripture is given to us that we might know it is a place where the lost are tormented by ‘**fire**’!

1 John 5:13 K.J.V. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, **and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**

NLT+ASV+NWT+AMP+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT '**SECOND WITNESS**' OF THIS VERSE.

P.B. Again we see where the 'second witness' is removed from a passage of Scripture.

Genesis 41:38 K.J.V. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

NASB: ...a man like this, in whom is **a divine spirit?**

NIV+NWT+AMP+NRSV: ...one in whom is the **spirit** of God?

P.B. The title 'the Spirit of God' is often diminished to a lesser form in these 'new' translations.

1 Samuel 4:7 K.J.V. And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, **God** is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

NLT: ...they panicked. "**The gods** have come into their camp!" they cried...

NIV: ...**a god** has come into the camp...

P.B. One of the frequent occurrences where we witness a diminishing change to the title '**God**'.

Psalms 2:7 K.J.V. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my **Son**; this day have I begotten thee.

ASV: ...I will tell of the decree: Jehovah said unto me, Thou art my **son**; this day have I begotten thee.

NWT+NLT+NRSV: ...**son**...

P.B. The title '**Son**' is *downgraded* repetitively in the 'moderns'. Doesn't God's Spirit *exalt* Jesus? Diminishing changes to Scriptures concerning Jesus cannot be a by-product of the work of the Holy Spirit!

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

ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS "**FOR EVER**" FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. Here, with a cunning slice of Jehoiakim's penknife, the removal of only two words destroys this statement declaring the eternal nature of Jesus Christ, the Word of God; another attack on His deity!

2 Chronicles 11:15 K.J.V. And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for **the devils**, and for the calves which he had made.

NASB: ...for **the satyrs** and for the calves which he had made.

NIV: ...for **the goat** and calf idols he had made.

NLT: ...where they worshiped **the goat** and calf idols he had made.

ASV+AMP: ...and for the **he-goats**, and for the calves which he had made.

NWT: ...**goat-shaped demons**....(?)

P.B. Devil worship in these 'new' versions is reduced to idolatry. And just what is a **satyr**?

Leviticus 17:7 K.J.V. *And they shall no more offer their **sacrifices unto devils**, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.*

NIV: ...their sacrifices to the **goat idols** to whom they prostitute themselves.

ASV: ...their sacrifices unto **the he-goats**, after which they play the harlot.

NWT: ...**goat-shaped demons**...

P.B. And sacrificing to devils is changed in these versions to sacrificing to idols.

John 14:2 K.J.V. *In my Father's house are many **mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

NWT: There are many **abodes**...

NIV: In my Father's house are many **rooms**...

NLT: There are many **rooms** in my Father's home...

NRSV+NASB+AMP: ...**dwelling places**...

P.B. I would much rather dwell in a **mansion** than just a mere **room**, wouldn't you?

➔ **Isaiah 12:2 K.J.V.** *Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the **LORD JEHOVAH** is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*

NASB+AMP: ...For the **Lord God** is my strength and song.....

NIV: ...**The Lord, the Lord** is my strength and my song...

NLT: ...The **LORD GOD** is my strength and my song...

P.B. You won't find the name **Jehovah** in most 'new' versions. (Or the name **Lucifer** either for that matter- see page 96 - example #1.) Notice how the NIV repeats the phrase **the Lord** twice in order to keep from saying 'Jehovah'. A lot of people have come to be somewhat skittish about the name Jehovah because they associate it with the Jehovah Witness organization, but this is no excuse for removing it from the Bible. His name is Jehovah, and we should not be ashamed to call Him by that name!

Isaiah 26:4 K.J.V. *Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the **LORD JEHOVAH** is everlasting strength:*

NASB: Trust in the Lord forever, For in **God the Lord** we have an everlasting Rock.

NIV: Trust in the Lord forever, for **the Lord, The Lord** is the Rock eternal.

NRSV+AMP: Trust in the Lord forever, for in **the Lord God** you have an everlasting rock.

Genesis 28:3 K.J.V. *And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be **a multitude of people**:*

NWT: and make you a **congregation of peoples**.

NIV: ...and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become **a community of peoples**.

ASV: ...and multiply thee, that thou mayest be **a company of peoples**.

NKJV: ...and multiply you, That you may be **an assembly of peoples**;

NASB+NRSV: ...a **company of peoples**. AMP: **a group of peoples**.

P.B. This blessing upon Jacob has been severely reduced here. A **company**, **assembly**, or **community** might easily be comprised of several dozen people; but now **a multitude**, that would take at least many hundreds, or even thousands to fulfill that blessing.

Matthew 21:8 K.J.V. And **a very great multitude** spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

NASB: **Most of the crowd** spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches...

NWT+NLT+AMP: **Most of the crowd** spread their coats on the road ahead of Jesus...

P.B. What could possibly be the reason behind this change in the wonderful account of the triumphant entry of the Lord Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem? There is a big difference between what images we receive from the phrases '**the crowd**' and '**a very great multitude**'! Why the diminishing change in the descriptive nature of this verse and so many others?

John 7:40 K.J.V. **Many** of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

ASV: (**Some**) of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, This is of a truth the prophet.

NLT: **some of them** declared, "This man surely is the Prophet."

AMP+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...**some of**...

P.B. The lessening in the descriptive nature of this narrative is another sad witness against the efforts of these 'wise men' to improve God's Word. Didn't they want us to know that **Many** of the people were declaring Jesus to be 'that Prophet' that God would send?

Psalms 45:6 K.J.V. Thy throne, **O God**, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

RSV: Your **divine** throne endures for ever and ever...

P.B. The title 'God' is omitted; and now emphasis is placed upon an object (the throne) instead.

John 14:16 K.J.V. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

NKJV: I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may abide with you forever.

NASB: I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may be with you forever.

NWT: ...another **helper** to be with you forever.

P.B. Maybe the persons responsible for this change in text could explain something to me: How is changing this title of the Holy Spirit of God from a dominant one of '**Comforter**' to a subservient one of '**Helper**' an improvement of text? Is the Holy Spirit now considered subservient to us instead of us to Him?

John 14:26 K.J.V. But the **Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

NASB: ...**Helper**...

NKJV: ...**Helper**...

NWT: ...**helper**...

2 Corinthians 10:4 K.J.V. (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty **through God** to the pulling down of strong holds;)

NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT THE WORDS 'THROUGH GOD' FROM VERSE.**

➔ **Acts 17:29 K.J.V.** Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that **the Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

NKJV+NASB: ...**Divine Nature**... NIV:...**the divine being**...
NRSV: ...**the deity**... NWT: ...**Divine Being**...

P.B. The title '**the Godhead**' is altered in these to a phrase of greatly diminished magnitude. Certain uncommon or extraordinary phrases and titles found in the Scriptures give us a needful 'added emphasis' for the purpose of instilling the doctrines of the Bible more deeply in our hearts. Why detract from this?

Romans 1:20 K.J.V. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...**divine nature**... ASV+AMP: ...**divinity**...

P.B. You will not find the glorious title '**Godhead**' in most 'modern' versions, just a less illuminating phrase such as 'divine nature' or 'divinity'. (See also Colossians 2:9.)

➔ **Romans 8:15 K.J.V.** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received **the Spirit** of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...**a spirit** of adoption

P.B. There is a great difference between receiving '**a spirit**' and receiving '**the Spirit**'!

Revelation 20:12 K.J.V. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand **before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

ASV: And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before **the throne**...
NLT+NASB+AMP+NRSV+NWT: ...**throne**...

P.B. Instead of the dead standing **before God**, they are now just standing before **the throne**. Here again the focus is taken off God and placed elsewhere.

Mark 1:31 K.J.V. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and **immediately the fever left her**, and she ministered unto them.

NASB+AMP+NIV+NWT+NRSV+ASV: ...and **the fever left her**...

P.B. Repeatedly these 'new' versions detract from the narrative by *omitting* words, and thus give the reader a lesser account of the event. These omissions are so frequent in these modern editions that an attempt to fully catalogue and discuss them would produce a work as large as the Bible itself!

➔ **Acts 17:26 K.J.V.** And hath made of **one blood** all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: **OMIT THE WORDS 'ONE BLOOD' FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. The fact the Bible declares all men have **one blood** is stolen away in these 'moderns'!

Matthew 15:32 K.J.V. *Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.*

NASB: ...and I do want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.

NIV: ...I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.

NRSV: ...and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.

NLT: ...I don't want to send them away hungry, or they will faint along the road.

NKJV+AMP: ... to send them away hungry, lest they faint...

P.B. Here we notice the timidity evident in the 'moderns' concerning the use of the word '*fasting*'. These people were not just hungry. Because they had stayed where Jesus was in order to hear Him minister they had made the choice to remain in a position that would deny them food; that is fasting. Throughout the modern versions you can find where references to prayer and fasting have been altered or removed.

1 Timothy 1:17 K.J.V. *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORD 'WISE' FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. In this, and the next example, we see both of these times God is called wise in the Scriptures omitted in these 'new' versions. Why this frequent removal of words that serve to exalt God?

Jude 1:25 K.J.V. *To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORD 'WISE' FROM THIS VERSE.

Mark 1:14 K.J.V. *Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,*

NASB: ...preaching the gospel of God...

NWT+ NIV: ...preaching the good news of God...

NRSV: ...proclaiming the good news of God...

ASV: ...preaching the gospel of God...

NLT: ...preach God's Good News...

P.B. Jesus was not just preaching some good news from God; He was preaching the good news you could receive, and become a part of, 'the kingdom of God'.

Matthew 12:35 K.J.V. *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*

NASB: The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good and the evil man brings...

NIV: The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings...

NWT+ASV: The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man...

P.B. In this omission we lose sight of the fact the Word tells us that the 'good' or 'evil' in a man is a matter of the heart. The evidence of true Christianity is the influence of an indwelling Christ on the human heart, and the resulting fruits that come from this union. This is another of the many alterations that make what the Bible says less personal to the believer.

➔ **Mark 10:44 K.J.V.** *And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.*

NWT+NKJV+AMP+NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...slave of all.

P.B. A servant ministers *by choice* - a slave does not! A servant by the choice of his or her own free will ministers to the needs of the one they are serving. A slave *without choice* obeys the dictates of those whose dominion the slave is in bondage to. Man's religions make a slave out of their subjects; but true faith in Jesus Christ frees you to minister from a heart of compassion, not the slavery of religious duty.

Acts 20:25 K.J.V. *And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+AMP+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS 'OF GOD' FROM VERSE.

P.B. Here we know what kingdom Paul was preaching because he said it was the kingdom of God.

➔ **1 Samuel 6:19 K.J.V.** *And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.*

NLT: But the LORD killed seventy men from Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of the LORD. And the people mourned greatly because of what the LORD had done.

NRSV+NIV: ...seventy men... AMP: ...seventy of them...

P.B. Why are fifty thousand, threescore, and ten men reduced here to only seventy men?

1 Samuel 13:5 K.J.V. *And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.*

NLT: ...The Philistines mustered a mighty army of three thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen...

NIV: ...three thousand chariots...

2 Samuel 15:7 K.J.V. *And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.*

NLT: ...After four years, Absalom said to the king, "Let me go to Hebron to offer a sacrifice..."

NRSV+NIV+AMP: ...four years...

Amos 4:4 K.J.V. *Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:*

NKJV: "Come to Bethel and transgress, At Gilgal multiply transgression; Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three days."

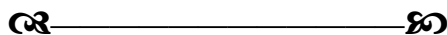
NLT: ...bring your tithes every three days!

ASV+AMP: ...your tithes every three days;

NWT: ...on the third day.

P.B. How could anyone fail to see that for the people to bring their tithes every three days would have been a burden most could not bear. For some it was considerably more than a three days journey just to bring their tithe! They would have no time to earn anything to tithe on!

Chapter 2.



The Disappearing Word

*And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written,
That man shall not live by bread alone, but
by every word of God.*

Luke 4:4 K.J.V.

Most people have very little knowledge of just how much of God's Word is missing from the 'new' bible versions. It is not just a word or two missing from just a few verses; it is an overwhelming deletion of text that affects the Gospel of the kingdom of God at every level.

How can the folks that study, teach, and preach from these 'new' versions live 'by every word of God' if so many of God's words never make to their ears and eyes because they have been deleted from their bibles? This chapter is listing of dozens of verses which have been corrupted by removing part or sometimes all of the verse of Scripture. And this is by no means an exhaustive listing; it is merely a small sampling of these corruptions by omission. The total amount of these omissions is astounding!

This chapter could get a little tedious for some - so if you need to skim thru it to remain conscious, go ahead - but it is important to get a sense of the magnitude of the amount of text omitted from these 'new' bibles. The commentary in some of the later chapters will provide more insight into how these omissions and alterations are affecting what is being preached (or not preached) as the Gospel today.

➔ ***Acts 9:5-6 K.J.V.*** *And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

ASV+NLT+NWT+NIV+AMP+NASB+NRSV: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT THE UNDERLINED TEXT.**

P.B. The word 'pricks' refers to shackles that a man would put on an animal that was given to kicking and wild behavior. These 'leg cuffs' had a sharp spike (prick) inside that would stab the animal whenever it kicked or acted up. Jesus used the phrase "*it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks*" to let Paul know just who was really in charge. Then Paul, finally broken and now subdued, submits to the will of the Lord and says, "*Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*" The deleting of this account of Jesus exercising His dominion, and Paul submitting to this supremacy, is a sin against God's Word for which someone will pay a severe penalty. All of this taking away from God's Word is warned about in more than one place in the Scriptures. I believe that there is a measure of grace for those who misquote or slur God's words through accident or inexperience. But for those who are so puffed up in the wisdom of man they think they can blatantly alter the Scriptures a fearful judgment awaits them.

➔ **Matthew 18:11 K.J.V.** *For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.*

NIV+NRSV+NWT+NLT: THIS VERSE IS **TOTALLY OMITTED** FROM THESE VERSIONS.

P.B. Now who, besides Satan, would want to remove this beautiful passage of Scripture that describes Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, coming to save the lost sheep of this world? What a loss for those who read from the versions that omit this verse! Does **your** ‘bible’ have verse 11?

NASB+ASV+AMP: THIS VERSE IS **DISCREDITED** BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

Matthew 16:3 K.J.V. *And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?*

NRSV+NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+AMP+NASB: **OMIT UNDERLINED TEXT** FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. This is not the only rebuke given by the Lord Jesus to religious imposters that has disappeared from the ‘new’ bible versions. In our next example once again an entire verse vanishes!

Matthew 23:14 K.J.V. *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.*

NWT+NIV+NRSV+NLT: THIS VERSE IS **TOTALLY OMITTED** IN THESE VERSIONS.

P.B. This verse, which pronounces damnation on the hypocrisy and greed of these religious but lost men, is deleted from the text of many ‘new’ versions. And most which do include it place it in brackets or italics (or some mark it with an *) to put forth their lie that it was not in the original Scriptures. This practice of marking certain portions of Scripture to discredit them is not based upon sound documentation, and can be refuted by a proper examination of manuscript evidence. Don’t listen to their lies!

NASB+ASV+AMP: THIS VERSE **DISCREDITED** BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

➔ **1 John 5:7-8 K.J.V.** *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP+NRSV: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT** THE **UNDERLINED WORDS**.

P.B. Evil was at work the day they blotted out these words from the Holy Writ! This is one of the most remarkable passages of Scripture that we have. Few verses make such a plain and straightforward statement concerning the unity of the Godhead that also proclaims the deity of Jesus Christ - the Word of God. If you look in the ‘new’ versions notice how they had to twist and stretch the remaining text to keep the verse numbering from showing a gap like it usually does when they remove a verse.

Matthew 25:13 K.J.V. *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

NASB+AMP+NIV+NRSV+NWT+NLT+ASV: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT** THE **UNDERLINED TEXT**.

P.B. Not only is this omission significant in that it deals with the return of Christ - notice the word ‘Son’ is taken out. It is remarkable the number of omissions of text that remove Son, Son of God, Son of man, Word, Christ, Begotten, Prophet, Master, etc. - words that declare the deity and Lordship of Jesus!

➔ **Matthew 17:21 K.J.V.** Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

NWT+NIV+NRSV+NLT: THIS VERSE IS **TOTALLY OMITTED** FROM THESE VERSIONS.

P.B. See how they jump from 20 to 22 in their numbering of verses! This is an important verse to the Church in that it informs us there are times when ministry to a person needs to be supplemented with prayer and fasting to remove hindrances to the virtue of Christ reaching that person, and bringing the healing or deliverance needed. It is amazing how many verses that mention prayer or fasting are either altered or removed from the ‘modern’ versions. The spirit behind this is definitely not the Holy Spirit!

NASB+ASV+AMP: THIS VERSE IS **DISCREDITED** BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

Matthew 6:13 K.J.V. *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.***

NWT: ...but deliver us from the **wicked one**. **OMISSION OF REMAINDER OF VERSE.**

NIV: ...but deliver us from the **evil one**. **OMISSION OF REMAINDER OF VERSE.**

NRSV: ...but rescue us from the **evil one**. **OMISSION OF REMAINDER OF VERSE.**

NASB+AMP: REMAINDER **DISCREDITED** BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

Mark 9:49 K.J.V. *For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.*

ASV+NLT+NWT+AMP+NIV+NASB+NRSV: LAST 1/2 OF VERSE IS **OMITTED** IN THESE.

Mark 11:10 K.J.V. *Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

NWT+NIV+AMP+NASB+NRSV+NLT+ASV: **OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE** FROM VERSE.

Mark 12:23 K.J.V. *In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife.*

AMP+NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NRSV: ALL **OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE** FROM VERSE.

P.B. This missing little phrase actually makes an *important* doctrinal statement! We **shall rise!**

Mark 9:23-24 K.J.V. *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

NLT: ...The father instantly replied, “I do believe, but help me not to doubt!”

ASV: ...the father of the child cried out, and said, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

NRSV: ...the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

NWT: Omits underlined phrase like others.

P.B. The descriptive phrase ‘**said with tears**’; and also the title ‘**Lord**’ are omitted from this verse. The words ‘said with tears’ inform us about the distraught state the man was in over the condition of his child; and the fact the man used the title ‘Lord’ when addressing Jesus informs us of his willingness to humble himself and acknowledge the lordship of Christ. Do you notice how the account seems much less powerful with these words omitted? Verse after verse is treated to this unwarranted reduction of illustrative phrases in the ‘new’ versions.

Mark 14:22 K.J.V. *And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.*

NWT+NRSV+NIV+NASB+NLT+ASV+AMP: ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED WORD.

P.B. How much doctrinal truth is presented in just this one word! Even removing one small word from the Scriptures can cause great harm to the understanding of the reader.

Luke 8:48 K.J.V. *And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP+NRSV: **OMISSION OF UNDERLINED PHRASE**.

Luke 11:11 K.J.V. *If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?*

NLT+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: **OMISSION OF UNDERLINED TEXT FROM THIS VERSE.**

Luke 19:45 K.J.V. *And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;*

ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP+NRSV: ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED PHRASE.

Luke 20:23 K.J.V. *But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?*

NLT+ASV+NASB+NWT+NIV+AMP+NRSV: **OMIT UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.**

Luke 22:64 K.J.V. *And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee?*

ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP+NRSV: THIS UNDERLINED PHRASE OMITTED FROM VERSE.

Luke 23:17 K.J.V. *(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)*

NLT+NWT+NIV+AMP+NRSV: VERSE OMITTED OR DISCREDITED IN THESE VERSIONS.

P.B. We notice the numbering of the verses jumps right from 16 to 18 in some ‘new’ versions. How many verses is your bible missing? How many important and descriptive phrases are gone?

Luke 23:38 K.J.V. *And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV: ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED PHRASE.

P.B. This descriptive phrase is important to the Scriptures because it explains the difference in how the inscription is worded in the different accounts of the apostles.

Luke 24:1 K.J.V. *Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: **OMISSION OF UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.**

Luke 24:42 K.J.V. And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

ASV+NLT+NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: UNDERLINED PHRASE OMITTED FROM VERSE.

John 1:27 K.J.V. He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

NLT+ASV+NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THIS UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.

John 3:15 K.J.V. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

ASV+NLT+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: OMIT PHRASE 'SHOULD NOT PERISH' FROM VERSE.

➔ *John 5:3-4 K.J.V.* In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

NLT+NIV+NWT+NRSV: UNDERLINED TEXT IS OMITTED IN THESE VERSIONS.

P.B. This record of the angel coming at a certain season to stir the water, and the miracles that would then transpire, has been completely removed from these 'new' bible versions! This segment of Scripture is essential because it chronicles an event that shows the great lengths, and unorthodox methods, God uses to reach out to mankind. Religious folks want to put God 'in a box', or provide a form and structure for Him to operate in - but He says, "I am God and I do things *as I see fit* - conventional or not!"

ASV+NASB+AMP: UNDERLINED TEXT DISCREDITED BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

John 5:16 K.J.V. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

NLT+ASV+NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THIS UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.

John 7:50 K.J.V. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS 'BY NIGHT' FROM VERSE.

P.B. In the two little words - 'by night' - we learn a great deal about what was going on in the life of Nicodemus. He believed what Jesus was preaching, but because of the fear of man he had to meet secretly with Jesus by night to avoid being persecuted by the religious order he was a part of. To remove just these two words greatly detracts from our understanding of the event.

John 8:6 K.J.V. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

NRSV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NLT+ASV+AMP: ALL THESE OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE.

John 8:10 K.J.V. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL THESE OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE.

John 19:16 K.J.V. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, **and led him away.**

NLT+ASV+NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE WORDS ‘**AND LED HIM AWAY.**’

Acts 4:24 K.J.V. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, **thou art God,** which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: OMIT THE PHRASE ‘**THOU ART GOD**’ FROM VERSE.

Acts 7:30 K.J.V. And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel **of the Lord** in a flame of fire in a bush.

AMP+NRSV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NLT+ASV: OMIT PHRASE ‘**OF THE LORD**’ FROM VERSE.

P.B. We should always bear in mind that not all angels are **of the Lord**, many are fallen beings!

Acts 10:6 K.J.V. He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**

NRSV+NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP+NLT+ASV: ALL OMIT THE LAST SENTENCE OF VERSE.

Acts 15:34 K.J.V. **Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.**

NLT+NRSV+NWT+NIV: THIS VERSE IS **TOTALLY OMITTED** FROM THESE VERSIONS.

ASV+NASB+AMP: THIS VERSE IS **DISCREDITED** BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

Acts 18:21 K.J.V. But bade them farewell, saying, **I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but** I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: OMIT THE **UNDERLINED TEXT** FROM VERSE.

Acts 28:29 K.J.V. **And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.**

NLT+NIV+NWT+NRSV: ALL THESE VERSIONS **TOTALLY OMIT** THIS VERSE.

ASV+NASB+AMP: THESE **DISCREDIT** THIS VERSE BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

Romans 10:15 K.J.V. And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of **them that preach the gospel of peace,** and bring glad tidings of good things!

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: OMIT **UNDERLINED PORTION** OF THIS VERSE.

1 Corinthians 5:7 K.J.V. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed **for us.**

NIV+ASV+NASB+NWT+AMP+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS ‘**FOR US**’ FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. Christ was not just sacrificed - He was sacrificed **for us**. Until the death of Jesus on that Cross becomes real to you personally it renders you no benefit. But when, through faith, you see *your sins paid for* by His sacrifice it brings you life! Another alteration making the ‘new’ versions a lot less personal.

Colossians 2:2 K.J.V. *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;*

NLT+ASV+NASB+NWT+AMP+NIV+NRSV: **OMIT ‘AND OF THE FATHER’ FROM VERSE.**

1 Timothy 4:12 K.J.V. *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT THE WORDS ‘IN SPIRIT’ FROM VERSE.**

Hebrews 10:9 K.J.V. *Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **ALL OMIT THE WORDS ‘O GOD’ FROM VERSE.**

➔ **1 Peter 1:22 K.J.V.** *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED WORDS.**

P.B. The deletion of these three words robs us of an important truth spoken to us through this verse. We do not have the ability obey the truth through our own strength; but through the Spirit of God we **can** live a life of holiness. (*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 KJV*) If we are mistakenly led to think we can purify our hearts through our own self-righteous efforts, then we begin a journey down a road of unending striving and struggling for personal holiness that brings no genuine purity or peace of mind - nor does it bring acceptability to God. But how wonderful that the true grace of God in our hearts can bring forth the fruit desired by both God and us!

Acts 24:6-8 K.J.V. *Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law. But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.*

NLT+NIV+NWT+NRSV: **THESE OMIT ALL OF THE UNDERLINED TEXT FROM THIS VERSE.**
 ASV+NASB+AMP: **THESE DISCREDIT UNDERLINED WORDS BY [BRACKETS] OR ITALICS.**

1 Peter 4:14 K.J.V. *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.*

NRSV+NASB+NWT+NIV+NLT+ASV+AMP: **ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED WORDS.**

P.B. The omitted text in this verse was given to teach us Christ is **glorified** through the persecution of the believer. There will be great reward for those who have lived their lives in such a holy manner it would cause the evil in others to rise up and persecute Christ in them.

2 Peter 3:10 K.J.V. *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

ASV+NLT+NASB+NWT+NRSV+NIV+AMP: **ALL OMIT THE PHRASE ‘IN THE NIGHT’.**

1 John 3:14 K.J.V. *We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: OMIT WORDS '**HIS BROTHER**' FROM VERSE.

P.B. Again, a verse is 'de-personalized'; this time by the omission of the words '**his brother**'.

Revelation 5:14 K.J.V. *And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.*

ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT **UNDERLINED TEXT**.

Matthew 6:33 K.J.V. *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

NASB: But seek first **His kingdom** and His righteousness, and all these things will be...

NIV: But seek first **his kingdom** and his righteousness, and all...

ASV+AMP: But seek Ye first **his kingdom**, and his righteousness; and all these things ...

Matthew 20:16 K.J.V. *So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

NASB+NWT+NIV+NLT+ASV+AMP: LAST 1/2 OF THIS VERSE IS OMITTED OR DISCREDITED.

P.B. It appears these straightforward words of the Lord Jesus Christ, like so many others of His, are not inclusive enough to be a part of a 'new international' gospel. I have a question for you: If faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God - then what comes from being denied hearing by all of these omissions of the Word of God?

➔ **Luke 8:54 K.J.V.** *And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.*

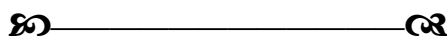
NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: OMIT **UNDERLINED PHRASE** FROM VERSE.

P.B. Now that we have gone through this partial listing of verses altered by omission, can you see the overwhelming amount of text that is omitted a little bit at a time? If you think the absence of all these missing little 'descriptive phrases' doesn't mean that much, consider this: The NIV is over *sixty thousand words shorter* than the K.J.V.! If you added all of these missing words together and took them off the end of the Bible, it would be missing starting from midway in the Book of Acts clear thru until the end of Revelation; there is that much less text. I find this fact to be absolutely staggering!

I don't think the folks who use these 'new' versions can rightly call themselves 'Full Gospel'; because they sure do not get the full account of the Gospel from what they are reading! This also *greatly* affects what is preached. I hope you can see how the omission of all these verses and phrases creates a serious injury to the understanding of those using these books as a foundation for study and ministry.

Just how serious of a matter is this tampering with the Holy Scriptures? John gave us a good idea in his God inspired writings: *And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:19 KJV)*

Chapter 3.



False Witness

A false witness will perish...

Proverbs 21:28 KJV

If John Doe owned a red pickup truck with a blue tailgate, a person following that truck would probably give a different description of the vehicle than someone watching it pass by. One would describe it as a red truck, while the other would declare it blue. Both would be giving a true witness of the facts, though the limitation of their insight would prevent each from giving a full description consistent with the other. This is often the case in the Holy Scriptures, particularly in the four Gospels, and in the area of Bible prophesy. The accounts given from one place to another might seem to be somewhat in conflict, but only until all accounts are compiled to bring forth the more complete picture. I personally believe God has structured the Bible in this manner to provoke us to study.

Now if one of those people who saw John Doe drive by said he was not driving a pickup, but a bicycle, then we would have a situation where someone was giving a false witness. Obviously, he could not be sitting on the seat of a bike and sitting behind the wheel of a pickup at the same time, so now one of the two is lying! Such is the state of affairs we must deal with when we compare the different versions men claim to be the Holy Bible. We are faced with many accounts that bring forth a false witness, and therefore cannot be the *true* Word of God. The Scriptures assert God cannot lie (*Titus 1:2 KJV*); and consequently any statements that are not the truth cannot be the true sayings of God.

Romans 1:25 K.J.V. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

NASB+NWT+NIV+ASV+NKJV+NRSV+AMP: For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served...

P.B. Notice the wording change in the verse given here. In this subtle distortion of the truth, we find the Devil trying to mask his tactics. Although the altered text reads ‘exchanged the truth of God for a lie’, Satan cannot get most people to flat out give up the truth and take a lie instead. He is not going to approach you and say, “Give me your Bible, and I’ll give you instead the ‘Book of the Dead’.” No, his scheme is to ‘change the truth of God into a lie’. He hates the truth. He is not content just to lie, he wants to distort and destroy the truth. So he has to resort to methods more sly and deceitful. He is always at work behind the scenes attempting to blend in lies with the truth; hoping to make his deception look enough like the truth that people will accept it, and be led away from following God’s pure truth: the Lord Jesus Christ.

➔ **Hebrews 9:3-4 K.J.V.** *And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;*

ASV: ...having a golden **altar of incense**, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold...

NLT: ...In that room were a gold **incense altar** and a wooden chest called the Ark of the Covenant...

NASB: ...having a golden **altar of incense**, and the ark of the covenant...

NIV+AMP+NRSV: ...the golden **altar of incense**...

P.B. These 'moderns' have really missed it here. They have changed a 'censer' into the 'golden altar of incense'! These guys should have done a little study on the layout of the Temple of God. To say the golden **altar of incense** was in the Holy of Holies is a false witness. A priest had to burn incense on that altar twice a day. If that altar was in the 'Holiest of all' the priest would *perish* when he went in to burn incense on it! Only the High Priest could go in there, and only on one day of the year: the Day of Atonement. The golden altar of incense was in the inner court (the Holy Place), not in the Holy of Holies! Could this untruthful statement made by these 'modern' translations possibly be the Word of God?

Now a **censer** is a small bowl made to hold hot coals to burn incense on. This small bowl would be hanging from a chain or mounted on top of a staff. This was not the incense 'altar'! (...*every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer... Numbers 16:17 KJV*)

Luke 9:10 K.J.V. *And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.*

ASV: And he took them, and withdrew apart **to a city, called Bethsaida**.

NIV+AMP: ...to **a town called Bethsaida**. NWT+NRSV: ... **to a city called Bethsaida**.

P.B. Omitting the underlined phrase in this verse produces a false witness of the event. Did they go to a desert or to a city? Repeatedly in the 'new' translations, these types of changes lead the reader somewhere the A.V. does not. Now read this next one:

NASB: Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida.

P.B. Now this statement by the NASB is quite the marvel of grammar, don't you think? That would be like me saying to you, "Please come to the store with me so I can make the trip by myself."

Luke 2:33 K.J.V. *And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him.*

ASV: And **his father** and his mother were marvelling at the things which were spoken concerning him;

NRSV: And **the child's father** and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

NASB: And **His father** and mother were amazed... NIV: **The child's father** and mother marveled...

NWT: ..**father**..

P.B. It is a false witness to call Joseph Jesus' father. He was his parent, but not his **father**; God was! One time we see someone refer to Joseph as his father - it was actually Mary, his mother, in a state of worry over him. And when she did, Jesus made a comment to correct her, and remind her just who His Father really was: ...*and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about **my Father's** business?* (Luke 2:48-49 KJV) Jesus Christ was about His Father's business long before His baptism - when some mistakenly say He 'became' Christ. He has been Christ throughout eternity. He was not just some good man that the Spirit of God came upon - He was God from His conception and birth. That Child was properly called in Scripture: Immanuel - which means "God with us"!

➔ **Micah 5:2 K.J.V.** *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose **goings forth** have been from of old, **from everlasting**.*

NIV: ...whose **origins** are from old... ...from **ancient times**.

NRSV: ...whose **origin** is from old... ...from **ancient days**.

NLT: ...one whose **origins** are... ...from the **distant past**.

NWT: ...whose **origin** is... ...from **early times**...

P.B. Many of the lies that Satan has introduced into the ‘modern’ versions are cloaked in such subtlety it’s very easy to miss them. This Scripture is a prophesy about Jesus Christ our Lord. The passage states, among other things, that His **goings forth** (existence) have been from **everlasting** (eternity). However, here we have ‘goings forth’ perverted to read ‘origin’. Something that has an origin (starting point) is a part of creation. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is a part of creation? I sincerely hope not!

To say Jesus Christ had an **origin in ancient times** is to deny His deity, and that is a teaching of the heretics. He is eternal God, without beginning or ending of days! Could a book putting forth words of heresy be properly called Holy Scripture? God has given us His true and faithful words; and Satan (since the beginning) has been at work underhandedly attempting to corrupt God’s Word, hoping to dump on us a perversion of the truth.

WHO KILLED GOLIATH?

➔ **2 Samuel 21:19**

NASB: ...and **Elhanan** the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite **killed Goliath** the Gittite...

NIV+NRSV: ...**Elhanan** son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite **killed Goliath** the Gittite...

ASV+AMP: ...and **Elhanan** the son of Jaareoregim the Bethlehemite **slew Goliath** the Gittite...

NWT: ...and **Elhanan**... ...got to **strike down Goliath** the Gittite.

P.B. These modern (per)versions of the Bible declare a man named Elhanan took the life of Goliath. I thought a lad called David killed him, didn’t you? Even a young child should be able to cry foul here! This, one of the most widely known facts about the Bible, is blatantly marred right before our eyes. These perversions of God’s truth bother me a great deal, and they should bother you too. I do not think anyone can have a genuine love and zeal for Jesus without having the same love and zeal for God’s Word, because Jesus is the Word! A love for Christ is also a love for the truth; they are inseparable.

2 Samuel 21:19 K.J.V. *And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, **slew the brother of Goliath** the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.*

P.B. The true Word of God tells us it was **the brother of Goliath** who was slain by Elhanan, as is also attested to in 1 Chronicles 20:5.

Hebrews 2:11 K.J.V. *For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified **are all of one**: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

RSV: For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified **have all one origin**. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

P.B. Here once again we see where a ‘new’ version makes the lying statement that Jesus Christ had an origin! That would make Him a part of creation. Heresy such as this is most dangerous. Those who teach a Jesus who is not eternal God are teaching a false Jesus.

The Bible testifies repeatedly to the purity of God's Word. (*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Proverbs 30:5 KJV*) But a close examination of these 'modern' versions claiming to be God's Word reveals they are *not* pure. They are the truth with error mingled in. (Satan's favorite tool!) Let's look at an example of this in detail: the event of Mary and the others coming to the tomb of Jesus to minister to His body according to their customs. First the record in the K.J.V.:

Matthew 28:1 K.J.V. ...as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene...

Mark 16:2 K.J.V. ...the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun...

Luke 24:1 K.J.V. And very early in the morning...came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun...

John 20:1 K.J.V. The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark,...

P.B. From these passages, we can assemble the following clues as to the approximate time Mary and the others came to the tomb: very early in the morning, when it was yet dark, as it began to dawn, at the rising of the sun. Or, at the beginning of dawn when it is still dark just as the sun starts to rise. O.K.? Now let's compare Mark's account in the K.J.V. with the 'moderns':

Mark 16:1-2 K.J.V. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

P.B. The rising of the sun starts when it is *still dark*, and continues until the sun is fully visible.

NKJV: ...in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

ASV: ...to the tomb when the sun was risen.

NASB: ...to the tomb when the sun had risen.

NIV: ...just after sunrise.

NWT+NRSV+AMP: ...the sun had risen.

P.B. These 'new' versions erroneously declare that when Mary and the others came to the tomb the sun had already risen! Now notice how this conflicts with the record of this event in the book of John:

John 20:1

NKJV: ... first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw...

ASV: ...while it was yet dark...

NWT: ...While there was still darkness...

NASB+NRSV: ...while it was still dark...

NIV: ...while it was still dark...

AMP: ...when it was still dark...

P.B. Now they are telling us it was still dark! Both of these accounts cannot be true; one has to be a lie. Not only do these 'new' versions conflict against the truth of the Scriptures; but also now we see they are also found to lie against themselves. (...*no lie is of the truth. 1 John 2:21 KJV*) Where did all of these lies in the 'new' versions come from? Maybe from the father of lies? (...*because there is no truth in him... he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44 KJV*) Satan's strategy is to inject lies and error into God's Word to cause you doubt and confusion - can you see how this alteration to Mark 16:2 does just that?

How can anyone have an unwavering confidence in his or her 'bible' if it is not completely true? Well, you cannot! True faith is a belief of heart that what God has spoken forth and promised is trustworthy and unchanging. Books that give forth lies instead of truth are not Holy Scripture! Jesus Christ is the Word of God. If there were any lies in God's Word, then that would make Jesus also impure. And if Jesus Christ the Word of God is not pure, and without corruption, then He did not qualify to be the unblemished sacrificial Lamb; and we are yet lost and undone through our sins. But we know He is pure and undefiled, as are the true sayings of God!

➔ **Mark 10:24 K.J.V.** *And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!*

NLT: ...But Jesus said again, “Dear children, **it is very hard to get into the Kingdom of God.**”

NIV: ...But Jesus said again; “Children, **how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!**”

NASB+NRSV: ...“Children, **how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!**”

P.B. Another grievous twisting of the truth into a false witness. Here we have the verse altered from a warning about trusting in riches, to where now we have Jesus telling children how **hard it is** to enter into God’s Kingdom! Personally, I don’t think He could have made it much easier. The religions of man all make it difficult to be saved for they seek salvation through their own efforts (works). But God has made it as easy as simply choosing to turn in response to His call and believe with your heart what He has said. *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:10 KJV)* Repent, believe the Gospel from your heart, and tell others the good news that they too can be saved through faith in Jesus. Does that sound like it is **very hard** to enter God’s kingdom?

John 6:11 K.J.V. *And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.*

ASV: Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, **he distributed to them that were set down**; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would.

NLT++NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT THE **UNDERLINED TEXT**.

P.B. This verse is altered by omission to read Jesus was doing all of the work while the disciples were just sitting around watching. These type of omissions in the ‘new’ versions impress upon us a false witness of many events by denying us information that by God’s choice was placed in the true Scriptures. These omissions to the modern bibles are a serious matter. Is it any wonder that there is so much uncertainty as to what the Bible has to say? Doctrinal differences have always been somewhat of a problem, but there is such a growing cloud of confusion upon God’s people they are starting to think only the Greek savvy pulpit-masters have the truth, not the common believer with his Bible. Is not this is a return to Rome?

James 3:12 K.J.V. *Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.*

NASB+AMP: ...**Nor can salt water produce fresh.**

ASV: ...**Neither (can) salt water yield sweet.**

NRSV: ...**No more can salt water yield fresh.**

P.B. Another example of a true statement being altered into a false witness. A spring cannot bring forth both salt and fresh water at the same time; but salt water **does** produce fresh water on a continual basis. Where do you think the clouds that give us rain come from? A great share of the rain we receive comes from the evaporation of the saltwater found in the oceans and seas. Some countries get much of their fresh water from distillation plants that utilize salt water from the ocean. This example might sound to you like nitpicking, but I am telling you sincerely: If it is not *absolutely true*, then it is not God’s Word!

God is not sloppy with His words. The words and sayings in the Scriptures were each one chosen supernaturally to be in harmony with the truth, and with one another. The words of the Bible (sayings, prophecies, stories, visions, laws, blessings, warnings, promises etc.) are all like holy threads woven together into a mantle of God’s truth. Satan wants to unravel that mantle, and any attack on the truth is acceptable to him, no matter how trivial it might seem to us. If you snagged something and broke a thread in your clothing you might not think much of it; but if you did this on an ongoing basis eventually you would be without clothes! So it is with Satan’s attack on the Bible. Here a little change - there a little change...

It seems like each new version adds a new batch of corruption. Eventually there will be a version so far from the truth it will be acceptable to the global apostasy that will follow the Antichrist. Don't be mistaken, they *will* have a bible! However, it will not be God's Word, just a horrible distortion of the truth bringing upon them a delusion that will damn their souls forever.

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 K.J.V.)

I am wondering at this point how you are feeling about seeing the way the 'new' versions mimic the corrupt alterations to the Jehovah Witness - NWT? This should be really no surprise. Since they all have the same corrupt root - the W/H 'Revised Greek Text' - they all bring forth the same errors!

Modern technology allows close scrutiny of written documents that was not available in years past. By subjecting a document to different wavelengths, and varying intensities, of light they can identify differences in the composition of inks that might look exactly the same to the naked eye. This technology (and others) coupled together with modern handwriting analysis have proven that the manuscripts underlying the 'Revised Greek Text' have been changed and rewritten by numerous scribes over the centuries! Can manuscripts that are in a process of evolution be the unchanging Word of God? Why did they use this handful of altered manuscripts, lacking reasonable similarity to one another in content, instead of the large body (Texas Receptus) of manuscripts (5,300+) available which are in overwhelming agreement to one another?

Dr. Frank Logsdon was one of the principle figures involved in bringing forth the New American Standard Version. When confronted with the truth this honest man repented, and admitted the error of his ways, and renounced the 'modern' versions! These are an excerpt of his own words:

 I must under God renounce every attachment to the New American Standard. ...I'm afraid I'm in trouble with the Lord. ...We laid the groundwork; I wrote the format; I helped interview some of the translators; I sat with the translators; I wrote the preface...

I'm in trouble; I can't refute these arguments [the books *Which Bible* and *True of False* by D. Fuller]; it's wrong, it's terribly wrong; it's frighteningly wrong; and what am I going to do about it? ...I can no longer ignore these criticisms I am hearing and I can't refute them...

When questions began to reach me at first I was quite offended. However, in attempting to answer, I began to sense that something was not right about the NASV. Upon investigation, I wrote my dear friend, Mr. Lockman, explaining that I was forced to renounce all attachment to the NASV. ...The product is grievous to my heart and helps to complicate matters in these already troublous times...The deletions are absolutely frightening...there are so many...Are we so naïve that we do not suspect Satanic deception in all of this?...

I don't want anything to do with it...

[T]he finest leaders that we have today...haven't gone into it, just as I hadn't gone into it [investigating the errors and deletions in the 'modern' bible versions]...

[Y]ou can say the Authorized Version [KJV] is absolutely correct. How correct? 100% correct!...

If you must stand against everyone else, stand.

Dr. Frank Logsdon

Seeing this change of heart in this man, after him being formerly so convinced of the validity of the new versions, gives me a confidence that anyone giving this issue an honest consideration would come to the same conclusion. Jesus said the Holy Spirit was given to guide us into all truth. Dr. Logsdon chose to follow the leadership of God's Spirit over what the Scribes were speaking - and he found out the truth of this matter!

Chapter 4.



Pride and Confusion

*For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; **and all the proud**, yea, and all that do wickedly, **shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.* *Malachi 4:1 KJV*

The issue of the sinfulness of pride, and the grave consequences it will bring to those who embrace it, is a matter given much attention in the Scriptures. For some reason the ‘new’ versions seem to totally ignore these warnings in the Bible; and instead choose to promote pride as an *acceptable* part of the life of a believer! They are literally encouraging a behavior that will bring damnation upon a person. God help us we would not follow such poor advice.

➔ **James 1:9-10 K.J.V.** *Let the brother of low degree **rejoice in that he is exalted**: But the rich, **in that he is made low**: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.*

NIV: The brother in humble circumstances **ought to take pride** in his high position. But the one who is rich **should take pride** in his low position...

P.B. Here we have the NIV telling us we ought to sin by **taking pride** unto ourselves! The Scriptures inform us not only is pride a sin, but all who are proud of heart are an abomination to God. (*Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD. Proverbs 16:5 KJV*) The Word states further God will destroy the proud! (*The LORD will destroy the house of the proud. Proverbs 15:25 KJV*)

Many people claim the NIV is the Holy Bible. However, would God’s true Word tell us to take upon ourselves a sin that will bring about our destruction? I believe that the true sayings of God are divinely inspired, and do not contain reasoning that steers us toward conduct which is in conflict with the will of God. God’s Word has no fault; it is a good and perfect gift! (*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights...James 1:17 KJV*)

2 Corinthians 7:4 K.J.V. *Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is **my glorying** of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.*

NLT+AMP: I have the highest confidence in you, and **my pride** in you is great.

NIV: I take **great pride** in you... NRSV: I have **great pride** in you...

P.B. Here we have these versions altered to where now Paul declares to the Corinthians he has ‘great pride’ in them! This Paul had been caught up into the presence of God, and learned the truth first hand from the mouth of the Lord. Probably no one in history, other than the Lord Jesus, has had a greater understanding of the truth than this man. He knew perfectly well the eternal destruction pride would bring upon its host. There is no way Paul would allow himself to walk in the grievous sin of ‘great pride’, much less brag about possessing it! You can **glory** in something or someone without wallowing in the uncleanness of pride.

Proverbs 17:6 K.J.V. *Children’s children are the crown of old men; and **the glory of** children are their fathers.*

NIV: ...and parents are **the pride of** their children.

NLT: ...parents are **the pride of** their children.

P.B. The mentality of this world says that you should be proud of your children, and your parents; but it is never in any way acceptable in God’s sight to be proud of anyone. You can **glory** in the accomplishments of a parent or child by rehearsing them in the hearing of others; but if you brag on, or exalt the person, because you view them as superior to others then you have strayed into the sin of **pride**.

2 Thessalonians 1:4 K.J.V. *So that we ourselves **glory in you** in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:*

NWT: As a result we ourselves take **pride in** you...

NLT: We **proudly tell** God’s other churches about your...

NASB: ...therefore we ourselves **speak proudly** of you...

AMP: ...mentioning you **with pride** among the churches...

2 Corinthians 1:12 K.J.V. *For **our rejoicing** is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.*

NASB: For our **proud confidence** is this... AMP: It is our reason **for pride**...

P.B. ‘Proud confidence’ is a stubborn self-assurance, and these words should not be viewed as a phrase that is an acceptable replacement for the words ‘**our rejoicing**’.

2 Corinthians 1:14 K.J.V. *As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are **your rejoicing**, even as ye also are our’s in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

NASB+AMP: ...we are your **reason to be proud** as you also are ours...

P.B. Again, being **proud** and **rejoicing** are two entirely different matters. The one is very acceptable to God; the other will bring His wrath upon you!

There is no way to reconcile these two different words as both bringing forth God’s truth. The Scriptures are given (among other reasons) to teach us acceptable behavior. Is pride acceptable to God?

Galatians 6:4 K.J.V. *But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.*

NRSV: ...then that work, rather than their neighbors work, **will become a cause for pride.**

P.B. There is a satisfaction and a **rejoicing** that comes from personal accomplishment; but if your work becomes **a cause for pride** in your life, I suggest that you humble yourself before God and repent, before that pride separates you from Him. These examples given here are just a few of many we could list where, rather than *rebuking* pride, the ‘new’ versions sinfully *promote* it instead! Could this be Holy Scripture? Would the *true* Word of God tell you to be prideful? I think not.

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace...

1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV



A growing phenomenon within the Body of Christ today is the confusion caused when a person is preaching or teaching from one version, and others who are listening are using another. It is nearly impossible to follow along even when the versions are somewhat in agreement; but what happens when they deviate in textual content can only be described as mental chaos. Time after time I have watched people strip their mental gears trying to follow along with someone using a different version. Paul had a solution for this confusion: *...let us walk by the same rule, **let us mind the same thing.*** (*Philippians 3:16 KJV*) If everyone used the true Scriptures (KJV) this confusion wouldn't be manifesting!

The Scripture given in the next example speaks of people being ‘bewitched’ to the end that ‘*they should not obey the truth*’. A large part of the ‘bewitchment’ taking place in many churches today is found in the confusion fostered by the conflicting information people receive from these ‘new’ versions!

➔ **Galatians 3:1 K.J.V.** *O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?*

NWT+ASV+NLT+NASB+NRSV+NIV+AMP: ALL THESE **OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE.**

P.B. This is another clue into the tactics of the enemy that is omitted in the ‘new’ bibles. The counterfeit gospel preached in most churches today *bewitches* people into a religious slumber that keeps them from **obeying the truth!** Most are preaching a God that has no expectation for His people to embrace a life of obedience to Him. (*Awake to righteousness, and sin not... 1 Corinthians 15:34 K.J.V.*)

Each of the following examples presents to us a question to which we cannot give a definitive answer from a comparative study of the multiple versions. Here confusion results from an inability to give a conclusive response because of the *conflicting* information given. This is a by-product of Satan's attack on God's Word. This is but a small fraction of the examples that we could post here; throughout the ‘modern’ versions we see where they not only conflict with what the true Scriptures say, but even among themselves. Can verses saying the opposite thing both be bringing us the truth of God's Word?

Colossians 4:15 K.J.V. *Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.*

NLT: ...brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and those who meet in **her house.**
 NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ... **her house.**...

P.B. Was it **her** house or was it **his** house?

Ruth 3:15 K.J.V. *Also he said, Bring the veil that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.*

ASV: ..and he measured six (measures) of barley, and laid it on her: and he went into the city.

NLT: ...Then **Boaz** returned to the town.

NWT+NRSV+NIV: ...he...

P.B. Did she go into the city or did he go into the city?

1 John 1:4 K.J.V. *And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.*

NWT+NIV+NASB+NLT+ASV+NRSV: ...our joy...

P.B. Is it your joy spoken of here or is it our joy?

Revelation 6:17 K.J.V. *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

ASV: for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

NWT+NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSB: ...their wrath...

P.B. Is it his wrath spoken of here or is it their wrath?

Genesis 19:14 K.J.V. *And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.*

NLT: So Lot rushed out to tell his daughters' fiancés: Quick, get out of the city! The LORD is going to destroy it.: But the young men thought he was only joking.

NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...who were to marry his daughters...

NIV: ...who were pledged to marry his daughters...

NWT: ...who were to take his daughters...

P.B. Were Lot's daughters married or were they just engaged?

Acts 14:17 K.J.V. *Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.*

NRSV+NASB+NWT+NIV+ASV+NLT+AMP: ...filling your hearts...

P.B. Is it our hearts or is it your hearts?

Colossians 1:12 K.J.V. *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*

NLT+NIV+NWT+NRSV: ...you...

P.B. Is it you or is it us? This might not seem like a big deal to many, but when you consider that we count on God's Word to be *accurate and unchanging* these little discrepancies become major stumbling blocks to our confidence in God's Word. Satan whispers so softly to any who will listen, "If *this* verse is not accurately preserved then how about the next one? ...and the next? ...and the rest?" His subtlety should never be underestimated. He will grasp any opportunity - large or small - to foster doubt in your mind!

Genesis 25:18 K.J.V. *And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and **he died** in the presence of all his brethren.*

NASB: ...**he settled** in defiance of all his relatives. NIV: ... **they lived** in hostility toward all their...
NWT: ...in front of all his brothers **he settled down**. AMP: ...**dwelt close** to the lands of all his...

P.B. Did he **live** or did he **die**? Does it matter? It's only Scripture that we are dealing with here!

Revelation 8:13 K.J.V. *And I beheld, and heard an **angel** flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!*

ASV: And I saw, and I heard an **eagle**, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice...
NLT: Then I looked up. And I heard a single **eagle** crying loudly as it flew through the air...
NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ...**eagle**...

P.B. Did John behold **an eagle** or was it **an angel** that he saw? Are we presuming upon God too much to expect an accurate account of the events described here?

Luke 10:1 K.J.V. *After these things the LORD appointed other **seventy** also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.*

NLT: The Lord now chose **seventy-two** other disciples and sent them on ahead in pairs to all the towns...
NIV: After this the Lord appointed **seventy-two** others and sent them two by two ahead of him...

P.B. How many was it, **seventy** or **seventy-two**? What happens when this verse is read in a public setting? All these places one version says one thing and another version says something else damage the credibility of the Word to those listening. Conflicting facts often generate confusion in the mind.

➔ **Revelation 13:1 K.J.V.** *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

NIV: And **the dragon stood** on the shore of the sea...
NRSV: Then **the dragon took his stand** on the sand of the seashore...
NASB: And **the dragon stood** on the sand of the seashore...
NWT: And **it stood** still upon the sand of the sea.

P.B. Who was standing on the shore, John or the dragon? Do you think John knew? Do you think God knew who it was so He could inspire John to record it? These conflicting accounts cannot both be inspired. Satan has produced all of these conflicts to bring forth confusion; hoping to make us believe no absolutely pure record of God's Word exists for us today. Nevertheless, praise God, we have an accurate and true Bible in the Authorized Version!

Revelation 16:7 K.J.V. *And I heard **another out of** the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*

ASV: And I heard **the altar saying**, Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.
NIV+NRSV: And I heard **the Altar respond**: "Yes, Lord God Almighty..."
NWT+NASB: And I heard **the altar saying** ... AMP: ...**from the alter** I heard...

P.B. Now we hear *an altar* speaking to us?

1 Samuel 14:18 K.J.V. And Saul said unto Ahiah, **Bring hither the ark of God.** For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

NLT: Then Saul shouted to Ahijah, “**Bring the ephod here!**” For at that time Ahijah was wearing the ephod in front of the Israelites.

P.B. Did Saul call for the **ark of God** or did he call for **the ephod** that Ahijah was wearing?

Genesis 16:12 K.J.V. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell **in the presence of all his brethren.**

NASB+AMP: ...he will live **to the east of all his brothers.**

NIV:...he will live **in hostility toward all his brothers.**

P.B. Only a comparative study of the ‘new’ bible versions can truly reveal to a person the overwhelming number of times they give conflicting accounts. This can only result in confusion and a lack of unity amongst those using them, particularly in a public reading. Not to mention unity in doctrine!

We need an unshakable confidence that God's Word has been preserved for us in a form that faithfully brings to us His truth. Satan knows better than most Christians what brings true faith into their lives. That is why so much of his unholy actions are directed at destroying your confidence in your Bible. If he can get you to doubt the Word then you will not likely be considering it as much of a weapon - defensively or offensively! This makes things so much easier for him. He squeals in delight every time a believer speaks doubtfully, or doublemindedly, about the preservation of the Holy Scriptures. Oh, but what terror grips him when a child of God places his unwavering trust in God's Word, and speaks it forth with a steadfast confidence that the truths he is speaking have proceeded forth from the very mouth of God! From such a faithful confession the devil will flee with trembling. Are the words in your bible a faithful sword in which you place your complete trust - or a ‘maybe it says this / maybe it says that’ watered down mess that fosters doubt and confusion in your heart instead of faith? Has Satan dulled *your* sword? I hope not.

Speak up God - We can't hear you!

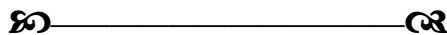
I wonder if the authors of the Amplified bible ever read Proverbs 30:6 - “*Add not thou unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found to be a liar*”? Or maybe Revelation 22:18 - “*...If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book...*”?

Do you think God's words - in any way, shape, or form - need to be **amplified**? Is He too soft spoken; or maybe too reserved to fully express what He wants to say? Who was it, anyway, that decided God's Word was coming across in such a feeble manner that it needed ‘amplifying’? Did they think He is some old gray-haired geezer with a problem making Himself heard, or communicating His thoughts? Well, He is not; and all His communication skills are still in perfect working order, thank you! The problem is not with His *speaking*, but with our own *listening*!

The Amplified Version is such a huge jumble of adjectives, synonyms, and superfluous words that in its pages you can find about any interpretation - true or false - that you might want to hear! It is an obese ‘Golden Calf’ fabricated for the religiously high-minded. It was produced by combining the truths of the Scriptures with the floundering error of ‘modern’ religious opinion. The unholy taint of Westcott and Hort's ‘Revised Greek Text’ is quite evident amongst its passages.

This seemingly endless shuffle of reasoning should in no way be considered Holy Scripture. But it has surely become a sacred seeing-eye-dog to many of the ‘blind guides’ of this generation. Instead of thinking God needs to speak-up - maybe we should be applying ourselves to listen-up? Maybe we should be praying for ‘ears to hear’ instead of looking for the next ‘new and improved’ alteration of God's Word.

Chapter 5.



Quotes Omitted and Favorite Quotes Destroyed

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Romans 3:4 KJV

God's words are true, and are worthy to be memorized and quoted. Throughout history the Word of God has been given the credence that has made it a continuing source of quotation and reference. The wisdom of the Holy Bible is timeless, and quotations from it have been an ingrained part of our culture since the founding of this country. These excerpts of truth have proved to be greatly influential in shaping the thinking of many of the great men and women of this nation even though some of them were not followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who have given us the New Testament writings knew the importance of placing your confidence in God's words and quoted from them quite often. Nearly three hundred quotations from the Old Testament are found within the pages of the New Testament! What a shame it is to see the manner in which many of them have been treated in the 'modern' bible translations.

➔ ***Luke 4:4 K.J.V.*** *And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*

NWT: ...It is written: "Man must not live by bread alone." (OMIT REST OF VERSE)

NIV: ...It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone." (OMIT REST OF VERSE)

ASV: ...It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone." (OMIT REST OF VERSE)

NLT: ...The Scriptures say, "People need more than bread for their life." (OMIT REST OF VERSE)

NRSV: ..."It is written, One does not live by bread alone." (OMIT REST OF VERSE)

NASB: ..."It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone." (OMIT REST OF VERSE)

THE WORDS '**BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD**' ARE **OMITTED** IN ALL THESE VERSIONS.

P.B. These 'new' versions tell us that man should live on more than just bread, but they fail to tell us just what else we also require! What else is it we need - meat or maybe some vegetables? Or possibly a good supply of fresh eggs or milk? If all we have is one of these 'modern' versions, we will never know. However, the true Word lets us know that the mainstay of our existence should be 'every word of God'.

Could we realistically expect that these modern versions - so riddled with deletions and alterations - would exhort you to live **by every word of God**? It seems that would be expecting too much.

Matthew 27:35 K.J.V. *And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.*

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+NLT+ASV+AMP: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED WORDS.**

P.B. The fact we are told, by phrases like this underlined one above, that many of the events which occurred in the life of Jesus were a fulfillment of prophesy is a help given to us to bolster our faith by giving us an additional witness to the truth, and therefore more deeply establishing the matter in our understanding. (...that in the mouth of two or three witnesses **every word may be established.** Matthew 18:16 KJV)

Mark 13:14 K.J.V. *But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:*

NWT+NLT+ASV+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED WORDS.**

Mark 15:28 K.J.V. *And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.*

NLT+NWT+NIV+NRSV: THIS VERSE (ABOUT FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY) IS **OMITTED.**

P.B. An *entire verse* referring to the fulfillment of Scripture stolen from us in these versions! Why are the new versions so quick to eliminate references to the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies? When we see prophesy fulfilled it glorifies God by declaring him faithful to his promises, and that increases our faith in Him. To remove these verses could only accomplish the opposite.

NASB+ASV+AMP: THIS VERSE IS **DISCREDITED** BY BRACKETS OR *ITALICS.*

➔ **Luke 11:2-4 K.J.V.** *And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT THE UNDERLINED TEXT.**

P.B. Upon examining the treatment of this verse we see quite the hatchet job has been done to the Lord's Prayer in these 'new' versions. The words not in keeping with the beliefs and practices of the New-agers and Spiritualists have for some reason been removed, and the words that are not offensive to them have been left in. The god they serve is not in heaven so the phrase had to go, etc. Each deletion from this prayer has a sinister motive behind it.

1 Corinthians 11:24 K.J.V. *And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

NWT+NLT+ASV+NASB+NIV+NRSV: ALL **OMIT** WORDS '**TAKE, EAT**' AND '**BROKEN**'.
AMP: DISCREDITS WORDS **TAKE EAT** WITH *ITALICS.*

P.B. Even this passage we quote as a part of the 'meal of remembrance' is not left untouched by those corrupters of Holy Writ. Is it not important for us to know His body was '**broken**' for us, and to be told to **take** and **eat** his body? What were they to do - sit around holding a loaf of bread thinking of Jesus? No, the breaking and eating were vital to speak to us of partaking (by faith) of what He has done for us.

➔ **Psalms 8:5 K.J.V.** For thou hast made him a little **lower than the angels**, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

ASV: For thou hast made him but little **lower than God**, and crownest him...

NLT: For you made us only a little **lower than God**, and you crowned us...

NASB+AMP: ...a little **lower than God**, ...

P.B. When you read this quote in Psalms, it seems like maybe it is just talking about you and I; but when you refer to where it is quoted in Hebrews 2:6-8 you see this is a prophetic reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. To say He was made a **little lower than the angels** is proper and true because He took upon himself flesh and blood, clothing Himself with humanity; and therefore placed Himself in a state that was a little lower than that of the angels. However, to say He was made to be a **little lower than God** is quite improper, for you see He cannot be made lower than God because He *is* God! God manifest in the flesh. (2 Tim. 3:16)

It is quite significant that a great number of the alterations to the new versions deal with the deity of Jesus Christ. This is not by chance - and the fruit of the diminished emphasis on this doctrine is evidenced in the decline in the number of preachers today who claim to believe in His deity. Many preachers avoid discussing their beliefs on doctrines such as the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, Hell, etc. They hide their heresy, and preach easy-believism to itching ears. Do you know what your pastor/elders really believe?

Luke 4:18 K.J.V. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; **he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted**, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

NWT+NLT+ASV+NRSV+NIV+NASB+AMP: **OMIT UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.**

P.B. This is the only time in the New Testament where this particular phrase appears. If all someone had to study out of (and for many this is true) were a New Testament, they would never receive the precious truth that Jesus Christ has been sent **to heal the brokenhearted**. However, the Lord would have all to know, and that is why He inspired Luke to pen those words; it is a great dishonor to remove them.

➔ **Luke 9:54-56 K.J.V.** And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, **even as Elias did?** But he turned, and rebuked them, **and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.** And they went to another village.

NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NRSV: **UNDERLINED WORDS OMITTED FROM THESE VERSIONS.**

AMP+NASB: DISCREDIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS WITH [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

P.B. With the deletion of text here, we not only no longer know James and John were thinking about behaving like Elijah would have in that circumstance; but we also lose the precious words of Jesus: **“the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them”**. Is this another ‘improvement’?

Luke 11:29 K.J.V. And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas **the prophet**.

NWT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV: **OMIT THE REFERENCE TO JONAH BEING A PROPHET.**

Philippians 4:13 K.J.V. I can do all things through **Christ** which strengtheneth me.

NWT+ASV+NRSV+NIV+NASB: ALL **OMIT THE WORD ‘CHRIST’ FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. What is the sense in quoting this verse if Christ is no longer in it?

1 Corinthians 10:28 K.J.V. *But if any man say unto you, this is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that showed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:*

NLT+ASV+NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.

P.B. Many of 'modern opinion' do not believe the earth is the Lord's, nor the fullness thereof.

➔ **Isaiah 53:5 K.J.V.** *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

NASB: He was crushed for our iniquities...

NIV: he was crushed for our iniquities...

NLT: But he was wounded and crushed for our sins...

NWT: He was crushed for our errors.

P.B. The words used in the Scriptures were supernaturally chosen by the Spirit to bring forth to us revelation concerning the things of God. Each word has a specific meaning relevant to the truth God is speaking to us. For example: the word 'bruised' in this verse gives to us a specific revelation concerning the forgiveness we receive through the work of the Cross. A 'bruise' is the *inward* shedding of blood. Iniquity is the sin that is found *in the heart*. He was wounded for our transgressions (outward bloodshed for our outward sins); he was **bruised** for our iniquities (inward bloodshed for our inward sins).

Can you see the word **crushed** does not bring to us the revelation of truth in this matter? What do you picture if you hear of someone being crushed? A mangled body with its bones broken from the trauma of being horribly compressed in some accident? Does the word *crushed* properly describe what happened to Jesus that day?

One of the many scriptures He fulfilled that day declared *none* of His bones would be broken! (*He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Psalms 34:20 KJV*) This is because Jesus was the Passover Lamb sacrificed for our sins. (*...nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it. Numbers 9:12 KJV*) Can you see how this change from 'bruised' to 'crushed' robs the reader of the intended understanding? Repeatedly in these 'new' versions we see where words that were chosen by God to bring forth a specific revelation are changed to words that do not do so. This greatly detracts from the revelation of truth that a person receives from the text.

Ecclesiastes 1:14 K.J.V. *I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.*

NIV: ...all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

NKJV: ...all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

NWT: ...striving after wind.

NASB: ...striving after wind.

AMP: ...a striving after the wind and a feeding on wind.

P.B. I do not see 'striving after wind' to be synonymous with vexation of spirit.

Psalms 22:3 K.J.V. *But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.*

NIV: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

NLT: Yet you are holy. The praises of Israel surround your throne.

P.B. Aren't you glad that when you worship and praise the Lord you know you will receive the edification and blessing that comes to you because His Spirit is found to **inhabit** your praises?

Acts 15:18 K.J.V. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+ASV+NLT+AMP: THESE ALL **ALTER** THE VERSE INTO OBSCURITY.

P.B. This verse, cited in the preaching of many great men and women of faith down through the years, is lost to those of this generation who embrace these ‘modern’ versions as their ‘bible’.

Proverbs 15:4 K.J.V. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

NASB: A **soothing tongue** is a tree of life...

ASV: A **gentle tongue** is a tree of life...

NWT: The **calmness of the tongue** is a tree of life.

AMP: A **gentle tongue** [with its healing power] is a tree of life.

P.B. A **wholesome tongue** is one that speaks forth words of healing, nurture, and truth. A **gentle, calm,** or **soothing tongue** might possibly do just the opposite. Every Sunday thousands of unsaved men and women get up and preach gentle and soothing words of religious delusion to calm itching ears. I would not consider such words to be a ‘tree of life’, would you?

(For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. Romans 16:18 KJV)

➔ **Proverbs 18:24 K.J.V. A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.**

NASB: **A man of too many friends comes to ruin...**

ASV: **He that maketh many friends (doeth it) to his own destruction...**

NIV: **A man of many companions may come to ruin...**

NLT: **There are “friends” who destroy each other...**

NWT: **There are companions disposed to break one another to pieces...**

AMP: **The man of many friends will prove himself a bad friend...** (Tell that one to Jesus!)

P.B. Making too many friends will cause you to ‘come to ruin’ and ‘destroy’ you? Give me a break! Do you accept that as a reasoning of truth? I surely do not. Some of the alterations found in the ‘modern’ versions are to me so absolutely ridiculous I cannot imagine the translators could knowingly include them and still hope to retain any kind of credibility as a scholar. A 12-year-old child would know better than to claim such rubbish as this to be Scripture.

Isaiah 26:3 K.J.V. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

NASB: The **steadfast of mind** You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.

NIV: You will keep in perfect peace him whose **mind is steadfast**, because he trusts in you.

NRSV: Those of **steadfast mind** you keep in peace- in peace because they trust in you.

P.B. Being **steadfast of mind** will *not* bring you peace! A person could have their mind fixed *steadfast* upon the television, or even upon a magazine of questionable content. A work-aholic can daily have his mind steadfast on an enormous work load. Or maybe the thoughts of a young lady might be steadfast on the boy who just dumped her for another girl. Would any of these things bring peace to the steadfast of mind? No, but if your mind is **stayed on the Lord** you will be kept in perfect peace by His Holy Spirit.

➔ *Isaiah 59:19 K.J.V.* So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. **When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.**

NASB: ...of the sun, **For He will come like a rushing stream which the wind of the Lord drives.**

NIV: ...**For he will come like a pent up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along.**

NLT: ...**For he will come like a flood tide driven by the breath of the LORD.**

ASV: ...**for he will come as a rushing stream, which the breath of Jehovah driveth.**

NWT: ...**he will come in like a distressing river which the spirit of Jehovah has driven along.**

AMP: Gives you their typical nonsensical blending of the true Scripture and the alterations above.

P.B. I think this is probably one of the most frequently quoted verses of Scripture in the Church today (or at least it used to be); and it is sure to be recognized by almost any Christian who hears it spoken. However, as many times as I try, I cannot get anything out of the text of these ‘new’ versions that even remotely resembles this quotation we have grown to know and love. They change ‘the enemy’ to ‘he’, and then have the Lord *propelling* him along instead of *rising up against him!* Another of the wonderful ‘improvements’ brought to you courtesy of the bibles of the ‘new age’!

Matthew 17:19-20 K.J.V. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your **unbelief**: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

NASB: ... Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “Because of the **littleness of your faith**; ...if you have **faith the size of a mustard seed**... ..nothing shall be impossible to you.”

NIV: ...**Because you have so little faith**...

NWT+ NRSV+ASV: ...**Because of your little faith**...

NLT: ...**You didn’t have enough faith**...

AMP: ... **Because of the littleness of your faith**...

P.B. They have horribly marred this verse of Scripture here. Jesus was **not** telling them that the problem was **little faith**; He said the problem was **unbelief!** And then He made the statement that ‘little faith’, even as small as a tiny mustard seed, could move mountains! The way they have Jesus telling it would be like me telling you: “You can’t buy that new car because you only have a dollar; but did you know if you had only a dollar you could buy a great big brand new car?” Do you see how ridiculous they have made the words of the Lord sound through this alteration? (Not an isolated incident!) This verse now no longer brings forth anything near to what Jesus was trying to teach His disciples.

It is impossible to calculate the damage done when the Scriptures are treated in this fashion. There is a vital aspect of our walk of faith that Jesus is bringing out here. Little faith is **not** the opposite of great faith - unbelief is the opposite of *all* levels of faith. It is unbelief that keeps us from the fullness of what God intends for us. God can work through ‘little faith’ and bring increase beyond your wildest dreams. But He will not, and in fact can not, work through unbelief! This alteration is the result of ‘scholarship’? Blah!

Mark 11:23 K.J.V. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, **Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea**; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

NLT: ...say to this mountain, “**May God lift you up** and throw you into the sea...

NIV: ...says to this mountain, “**Go throw yourself** into the sea...

P.B. Jesus was not telling them to ask God to throw the mountain into the sea, nor was He telling them to ask the mountain to go throw itself into the sea. He was telling them if they would, through faith, speak forth the *command* to the mountain to be removed, and cast into the sea, it would come to pass - *if* they did not harbor doubt in their heart.

Isaiah 7:14 K.J.V. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin** shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

RSV+NRSV: ...will give you a sign. Look, the **young woman** is with child and shall bear a son...

NWT: ..a sign: Look! The **maiden** herself will actually become pregnant...

P.B. Mary was a **virgin**! I would not consider a **young woman** or a **maiden** having a son much of a sign, would you? It happens many times a day. What a sad treatment of this prophesy about the supernatural conception of the Holy Child who would someday lay down His life for the sins of a lost humanity.

These changes did not just happen to show up in this verse. They are the result of the efforts of apostate men who did not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. People would be amazed to find out how many 'modern' ministers have laid aside this doctrine in favor of a more reasonable explanation!

➔ *Acts 8:37 K.J.V.* **And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

NIV+NLT+NRSV+NWT: THESE VERSIONS **DELETE** VERSE ENTIRELY FROM THE BIBLE.

P.B. The account of the conversion of the eunuch from Ethiopia is a wonderful story about God sending someone to preach to a man who was hungry for the truth. This verse is one of the greatest examples in the Scriptures of conversion through faith, and the subsequent baptism that should take place. It is one of the few places in the Bible where we see such a strong personal witness given by a new convert testifying to faith in Jesus. But, regretfully, here we see this entire verse is totally taken out of these 'new' versions and discredited in some others! In many of the 'new' bibles, Acts chapter 8 has no verse 37 - they jump from 36 right to 38, and rob you of this verse entirely!

ASV+NASB+AMP: THESE **DISCREDIT** THIS VERSE BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

1 Timothy 6:6 K.J.V. **But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

NASB: But **godliness actually is a means of great gain** when accompanied by contentment.

NWT: ..it is **a means of great gain**, this godly devotion...

P.B. I know there are a lot a people who have taken advantage of the people through the ministry of the Gospel, but somehow I do not think finding **a means of great gain** is what this verse is speaking to us about.

➔ *Isaiah 10:27 K.J.V.* **And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.**

ASV+NASB: And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and **the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of fatness.**

NIV: ...**the yoke will be broken because you have grown so fat.** AMP: ...**because of fatness...**

NLT+NRSV: ... **OMIT THE PHRASE.**

P.B. Has your burden been taken and your yoke destroyed **because you have grown so fat**? Maybe I should take a poll among those on the heavy side just to be sure, but it seems to me that growing fat has never done much to set anyone free as far as I could tell. But, let me say to you, I sure am glad that **the anointing** of God has broken the yoke of sin off my life! Has He done the same for you? *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: (Joel 2:32 KJV)* Have you called upon Him to save you from your sins?

Promises of Purity and Preservation

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV: **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
- Psalms 12:6-7 KJV: **The words of the LORD are pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**
- Matthew 5:18 KJV: For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**
- Psalms 105:8 KJV: He hath remembered his covenant for ever, **the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.**
- Psalms 111:7-8 KJV: ...**all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever**, and are done in truth and uprightness.
- Psalms 33:4 KJV: **For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.**
- Psalms 119:160: KJV: **Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.**
- Proverbs 30:5 KJV: **Every word of God is pure**: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
- Psalms 19:7 KJV: **The law of the LORD is perfect**, converting the soul: **the testimony of the LORD is sure**, making wise the simple.
- Psalms 119:89 KJV: **For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.**
- Psalms 119:128 KJV: Therefore **I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right**; and I hate every false way.
- Psalms 119:140 KJV: **Thy word is very pure**: therefore thy servant loveth it.
- Isaiah 40:8 KJV: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but **the word of our God shall stand for ever.**
- Psalms 119:152 KJV: Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that **thou hast founded them for ever.**
- Matthew 24:35 KJV: Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away.**

God has promised in the Holy Scriptures to preserve for us a **pure** and **perfect** Word that will never change nor fade away! But there are few today with the conviction or resolve to preach this promise from the pulpit. Instead you are more likely to hear some hireling preach how *unreliable* the Bible is! And that only 'scholars' who understand the Greek and Hebrew can give us a honest representation of what was written, and the common person is not equipped to 'rightly divide' the Word of Truth. But this flies in the face of God's guarantee of preservation; not to mention the promise His Spirit would lead us into *all* truth!

Is it any wonder God does not seem to be 'confirming' His Word in this generation? Maybe its because *the true Gospel* is not being preached, but has been replaced with a charismatic counterfeit! God is not going to put His seal of approval upon a message that has been twisted and altered to the point it no longer brings forth the truth of His Word! The 'modern' (per)versions are playing a large role in Satan's scheme to replace God's truth with his subtle imitation. To discerning Christians, well informed on this matter, every page of these 'new' versions can be heard to call out with Lucifer's time-worn "Yea, hath God said?" - with the turning of each page bringing a fresh barrage of doubt fostering alterations!

As followers of Jesus Christ it is vital to us to have a confidence in our Bible. Our faith is based upon God's promises to us; and to have true faith you must believe His Word is true and also unchanging.

God has promised to preserve a pure and unchanging Word of God for all generations. He has done this for our generation in the King James Version of the Holy Bible!

Chapter 6.



Changing Just One Word

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8 KJV

Jesus Christ *is* the Word of God; and, according to the Scriptures, God's Word is *unchanging*. Many people who defend these 'modern' translations say the majority of the changes found in them are so minor they do not adversely affect the content of the passage in which they are located, and in most places actually are improvements to the Bible. Such statements as these reflect great ignorance concerning this issue. It is amazing the horrific damage that can be done to a verse of Holy Scripture by the simple change of only one word!

➔ *John 7:8-10 K.J.V.* Go ye up unto this feast: **I go not up yet unto this feast:** for my time is not yet fulfilled... come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

ASV: Go ye up unto the feast: **I go not up unto this feast;** because my time is not yet fulfilled...

NASB: Go up to the feast yourselves; **I do not go up to this feast** because My time has not yet...

NRSV: Go to the festival yourselves. **I am not going to this festival,** for my time has not yet fully come...

AMP: DISCREDITS THE WORD **YET** WITH [BRACKETS].

P.B. By omitting the tiny word 'yet' from this verse, these 'moderns' have made a liar out of the Lord Jesus Christ! They have Him saying He will **not** go up to this feast; and then a little later secretly going where He had said He would not! That would be a boldfaced lie! Did those corrupters of Scripture actually believe Jesus would lie? What He said was that He was not going **yet** - thus allowing He intended to go at a later time. Why do these versions put forth such an obvious assault on character the Lord Jesus? He is God; and we know it is impossible for God to lie.

➔ **Mark 7:21 K.J.V.** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, **fornications**, murders,

NIV+NLT+AMP: ...**sexual immorality**...

P.B. The word '**fornication**' is a very frank word with a very precise meaning. It is a person having sex outside of a marriage covenant; and this act is forbidden by God. It is important we stay clear on this issue, because those who refuse to submit to God's will in this matter will lose their souls to a fiery hell. But for some reason the 'new' versions are very shy about using the word 'fornication'. Instead, they are prone to use words less precise, and less offensive, such as 'immorality'. The word **immoral** is a subjective term that *changes* from one culture to another. God's true Word does not change meaning; it is the same to all cultures and generations. According to Webster, the definition of the word immoral is "*not in conformity with accepted principles of right and wrong behavior; or contrary to the moral code of the community.*" The 'accepted principles of right and wrong behavior' can vary extremely from one social climate to another, as can the 'moral code' from one community to another.

According to the true definition of the word, in the city of San Francisco homosexuality would not really be considered **immoral**, because it is so widely accepted in that community. In some cultures wife swapping is accepted; in others premarital sex (fornication) is actually encouraged and would not be considered immoral. Can you see this modification to 'sexual immorality' no longer bears the true meaning of the original text? This practice of removing words that clearly proclaim *God's standard of living* for us and replacing them with words that govern conduct according to the *shifting standards of man* is often employed in these 'counterfeit' bibles. And this contributes greatly to the 'counterfeit' gospel being preached from most pulpits today!

Galatians 5:19 K.J.V. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, **fornication**, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

NLT+NIV: ...**sexual immorality**...

NASB+AMP: ...**immorality** ...

Hebrews 12:16 K.J.V. Lest there be any **fornicator**, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

NIV: ...**sexually immoral**...

NLT+NASB: ...**immoral person**... AMP: ...**sexual vice**...

Genesis 22:8 K.J.V. And Abraham said, My son, God will **provide himself** a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

NKJV: And Abraham said, "My son, God will **provide for Himself** the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

NASB: ...**for Himself**... AMP: ...**God Himself will provide**...

P.B. Did God **provide Himself** a lamb; or did God **provide for Himself** a lamb? There is a world of difference between the two! Personally, I don't think God needed a lamb; but you and I sure did. We are the ones who need to be 'passed over' when it comes time for judgment; and God provided **himself** that Passover lamb for us in the form of his Son Jesus Christ. Thank you Father!

Although to some it is not immediately apparent, this verse is actually a declaration of the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is no stretch of the truth to say that God came to earth - clothed with the limitations and temptations of humanity - and provided *himself* as an offering in order to redeem us from the penalty of our sins. Satan would jump at any chance to obscure that fact, as he has done here.

Matthew 8:16 K.J.V. *When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:*

NASB+ASV+NKJV: ...and He cast out the spirits with **a word**, and healed all who were ill.

NIV: ...and he drove out the spirits with **a word** and healed all the sick.

NWT+NRSV+AMP: ... **a word** ...

P.B. These ‘new’ versions assert Jesus cast out the spirits with **a word**. What word was it? Abracadabra? Or maybe Shazzam? No, the truth is He cast them out by speaking forth a command in the power and authority of **His word**.

Matthew 15:19 K.J.V. *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

NLT:.....**slander**...

NIV:**slander**...

NASB:**slander**...

NRSV+AMP:**slander**...

P.B. Why in these ‘new’ versions are ‘**blasphemies**’ changed to ‘**slander**’? Blasphemy is speaking irreverently or reproachfully toward God, or toward the things of God. Slander is spreading false statements harmful to the character or reputation of another person. In this alteration, this sin against God is changed into a sin against man. I see no excuse for this tampering with the content of this Scripture, or any other for that matter. Repeatedly in the ‘moderns’ we witness the Scriptures being polluted with changes that take the focus off of God, and direct it downward upon man instead.

1 John 4:19 K.J.V. *We love him, because he first loved us.*

NWT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV: **We love**, because he first loved us.

NLT: **We love each other** as a result of his loving us first.

AMP: DISCREDITS WORD **HIM** WITH *ITALICS*

P.B. This simple expression of the love we Christians have for God is sadly cast aside here. The focal point of the verse is removed from loving God to just plain loving in general. Once more, the focus is taken off God and placed upon man instead.

➔ **Luke 23:33 K.J.V.** *And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*

NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL ALTER VERSE TO OMIT THE WORD ‘**CALVARY**’.

P.B. I guess we had better stop singing about Calvary, because it is not in these ‘new’ versions!

~~♪ MERCY THERE WAS GREAT AND GRACE WAS FREE; ♪~~
~~♪ PARDON THERE WAS MULTIPLIED TO ME. ♪~~
~~♪ THERE MY BURDENED SOUL FOUND LIBERTY; ♪~~
~~♪ AT CALVARY! ♪~~

P.B. It always amazes me the number of times I hear people who hold to the modern versions quote popular verses or phrases that are not in their ‘new’ bibles. They have to quote the words the way they are found on the KJV or they couldn’t quote them, because they don’t have them! Is Calvary in your bible?

Luke 9:62 K.J.V. *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

NIV: ...no one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is **fit for service in the kingdom of God**.

P.B. In the 'modern' gospel 'backsliders' still get to enter into the Kingdom of God, they are just not up to God's standards for someone He wants to use for ministry. This is just one of a large number of passages in the Bible written to instill in us a healthy fear of 'missing out with God' through our refusing to let go of the world. Many such verses are so watered down in these 'new' versions they no longer accomplish this feat. Is it any wonder so many people just do not have the fear of God they should?

➔ **Titus 3:10-11 K.J.V.** *A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.*

NRSV: have nothing more to do with **anyone who causes divisions**, since you know that **such a person is perverted and sinful...**

NIV: Warn a **divisive person** once and then warn him a second time....

NASB: Reject a **factionous man** ... NKJV: Reject a **divisive man** ...

ASV: A **factionous man** after a first and second admonition refuse...

NWT: A man that **promotes a sect** reject him... AMP:...**a man who is factionous**...

P.B. Here we have the word 'heretic' (one who teaches heresy) replaced by words that in no way render the same meaning. Jesus Christ walked this earth as a **factionous** and a **divisive** person! Should He be warned and rejected? Is He perverted and sinful? He came preaching the truth and it brought much *division*; and rose up *a faction* within the religious community. The true Gospel is quite divisive and factionous. Should we stop preaching the truth so we do not cause a division between those who will not receive the truth and those who will? No, but we *should* reject a person who is a **heretic!** (if he rejects two admonitions.)

The true Scriptures point the finger of blame at *those who bring forth false teachings*; but in the 'modern' gospel the finger is taken off the heretics and pointed instead at anyone who makes waves by 'crying wolf'. (Now just sit quietly in your pew, and don't you dare say *anything* to upset the hierarchy!)

This passage speaking out against heresy was given to promote an on-going purification of doctrine within the Body of Christ. But now this perverted verse rebukes anyone speaking out against false teachings and labels them as sinful! This promotes an atmosphere where heresy can now flourish. This verse of Scripture has been so severely altered that now it accomplishes exactly the **opposite** of what God intended!

1 Corinthians 11:19 K.J.V. *For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*

NKJV+NASB+NRSV+ASV+AMP: ...**factions** NLT: ...**divisions** NIV: ...**differences** NWT: ...**sects**

2 Peter 2:1 K.J.V. *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

NIV+NKJV+NLT+ASV+NASB+AMP: ...**destructive** heresies... NWT: ...**destructive** sects...

P.B. The only place where most 'moderns' leave in the word 'heresy', they change the word '**damnable**' to '**destructive**'. Heresy is not just destructive; it brings eternal damnation on those who would follow and preach it. The only way into the kingdom of God is through 'the way, **the truth**, and the life': Jesus Christ, the true Word of God. Those who embrace heresy will be damned! God help us all.

Hebrews 1:7 K.J.V. *And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels **spirits**, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

NIV: ...He makes his angels **winds**...

NLT+ASV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ... **winds**...

P.B. Angels are **spirit** beings, not a natural phenomena - like a mass of moving air molecules.

Isaiah 40:7 K.J.V. *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because **the spirit of the LORD** bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.*

NASB+AMP: ...and the flower fades, When **the breath of the Lord** blows upon it...

NIV: ...and the flowers fall, because **the breath of the Lord** blows on them...

NKJV: The grass withers, the flower fades, **Because the breath** of the LORD blows upon it...

P.B. The way this verse from the Book of Isaiah is altered, it makes it sound like the Lord has some terribly foul breath - strong enough according to our next example to destroy even the Antichrist! Again we see evidence of apostasy influencing translation. Many 'scholars' do believe the Holy Spirit to be God Himself. So they opt to use the word breath instead of spirit (same root) and promote their corrupt beliefs.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 K.J.V. *And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with **the spirit of his mouth**, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

ASV: ...whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the **breath of his mouth**, and bring to nought by the....

NKJV: ...whom the Lord will consume with the **breath of His mouth** and destroy with the brightness of...

NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...**breath of his mouth**...

P.B. But we know from the true sayings of God that Jesus does not destroy him with **his breath**, but with **the spirit of His mouth**! Jesus will *speaks forth* the destruction of the antichrist. (...**the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.** John 6:63 KJV)

➔ **2 Timothy 2:15 K.J.V.** ***Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+NLT+NKJV: **OMIT THE WORD 'STUDY' FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. The A.V. is the only one of these translations that still tells us to '**study**' the Scriptures!

1 John 5:18 K.J.V. *We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth **himself**, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

NIV: ...the one who was born of God **keeps him** safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

NASB: ...He who was born of God **keeps him**, and the evil one does not touch him.

NRSV+AMP: ...but the one who was born of God **protects them**, and the evil one...

NLT: ...for God's Son **holds them** securely, and the evil one cannot get his hands on them.

NWT: The One born from God **watches him**, and the wicked one does not fasten his hold on him.

P.B. Notice that '**himself**' is changed to '**him**' or '**them**'. The alteration of text in this passage now places all of the responsibility for our purity of walk on Jesus. Yes, we do rely on God's power to keep us from evil; but there is also a responsibility in the life of the believer to '**keep himself**'. (*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23 KJV*) (*I was also upright before him, And I have kept myself from mine iniquity. Psalm 18:23 KJV*)

Matthew 27:34 K.J.V. They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

NASB: they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall...

NWT+NIV+NRSV+ASV+NLT+AMP: ...wine...

P.B. It does say elsewhere in the Gospels they gave Him *wine* to drink; but here we have a needful deeper description that lets us know it was soured wine (vinegar) they gave to Him. If all accounts said merely 'wine' we would lose a vital part of the account of the crucifixion. Only the mind of God can accurately total the tremendous loss people suffer from these versions that constantly rob the reader of a deeper level of insight through their deletions and changes.

Revelation 17:9-10 K.J.V. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

ASV: ...and they are seven kings; the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come...

NASB: ...and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is the other has not yet come...

NIV+AMP: ...They are also seven kings...

P.B. Notice the change of 'there are' to 'they are'. This section of Scripture teaches us who the 'woman' is by giving us the clue that the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth. The 'moderns' detract from this by changing the text to say '*they are* (the mountains) seven kings'; but that is not the way the passage really reads. It reads and '*there are* seven kings'.

Ecclesiastes 8:10 K.J.V. And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

NLT: I have seen wicked people buried with honor. How strange that they were the very ones who frequented the Temple and are praised in the very city where they committed their crimes!

NRSV+NIV: ...praised...

P.B. The wicked being forgotten is now changed to them being remembered and praised!

Song 7:11 K.J.V. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

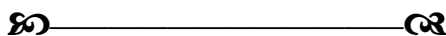
NWT: ...let us go forth to the field, let us lodge among the henna plants.

NLT: Come, my love, let us go out into the fields and spend the night among the wildflowers.

Revelation 22:19 K.J.V. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

NLT+ASV+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ...tree of life... NWT: ...trees of life... (trees?)

Chapter 7.



Women Slighted

Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. John 11:5 KJV

We receive many insights into the character and manner of living of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Scriptures. We know there were quite a number of women who were willing to make the sacrifice to follow Him, not only to listen to His teachings, but also to also minister to His needs and those of His disciples. I think the conduct of the Lord towards those women had a lot to do with the willingness on their part to follow and serve. The passages in the Bible that illustrate the benevolence and respect with which Jesus treated the women around Him are a much-needed example to this callous generation.

Somewhat late in my research on the 'new' versions I noticed an unseemly treatment of many passages dealing with women. I believe that if I had noticed this trend earlier, I would have a substantially larger collation of examples to discuss here. I hope my sisters in Christ would not view the relative shortness of this chapter as a lack of interest on my part toward this portion of the issue. ☺

➔ *1 Timothy 5:16 K.J.V. If any **man or woman** that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.*

ASV: If any **woman** that believeth hath widows, let her relieve them...

NLT: If a Christian **woman** has relatives who are widows, she must take care of them...

NIV: If any **woman** who is a believer has widows in her family...

NASB: If any **woman**... NWT+NRSV: If any believing **woman**...

AMP: **OR BELIEVING MAN** DISCREDITED BY *ITALICS*.

P.B. In this verse for some reason the translators have chosen to *eliminate* the man from the text and thereby relieve him of all the responsibilities involved in caring for any widows in the family. And whom do we see is left to deal with this matter? Of course, it all is dumped on the woman! With these translators showing such a bigoted outlook as this, I wonder how many women were following *them* around offering to be helpful. Probably none!

*James 4:4 K.J.V. Ye **adulterers and adulteresses**, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

ASV: Ye **adulteresses**, know Ye not that...

NASB: You **adulteresses**, Do you not know...

NWT: **Adulteresses**, do you not know... AMP: ...**unfaithful wives**...

P.B. Again, we see the males escaping unscathed, and leaving behind the women to bear the burden of this rebuke alone. (Some versions read adulterers only, and leave out the woman instead.)

➔ **Hebrews 11:11 K.J.V.** *Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

NIV: By faith **Abraham**, even though **he was past age**—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to **become a father** because **he** considered him faithful who had made the promise.

NRSV: By faith **he** received **power of procreation** even though **he was too old**—and Sarah herself was barren—because **he** considered him faithful who had promised.

P.B. Yes, these examples in the NIV and NRSV are also Hebrews 11:11, even though they bear little resemblance to the passage of Scripture. Of all the nerve! This righteous testimony of Sara's faith in her promise keeping God, and the reward which that faith brought upon her, is cast aside here; and, remarkably, we see it replaced with an account of Abraham's testimony instead. The only mention left of our dear sister Sarah is to remind us she was barren! We see a number of times in these 'modern' translations where efforts have been undertaken to slight women in the process of altering God's Word. This shameful deed leaves us to wonder about the motives involved.

Every event or story recorded in the Scriptures has a supernatural connectivity to the rest of the book. These accounts contain 'types and shadows' which are interconnected by the divine insight of God to blend together to bring to us a myriad of truths and admonitions. As the natural mind of man has no way of comprehending the complexity of this, or staying true to this divine structure, any alterations like the one to the passage above are bound to do damage that we have no way of estimating!

Matthew 5:45 K.J.V. *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

NWT+NASB+NIV+NKJV+ASV: that you may be **the sons** of your father...

P.B. I notice many instances where the word '**children**' is changed to '**sons**' in the 'new' versions. There is a place in the preaching of the Gospel where 'sonship' is properly applied to both male and female, but I do not see that as applicable in most of these alterations which eliminate the female sex from the text of the verse.

Matthew 13:38 K.J.V. *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*

NKJV: ...the good seeds are **the sons** of the kingdom...

ASV: ...and the good seed, these are **the sons** of the kingdom...

NWT+NASB+NIV: ...**sons**...

Matthew 2:16 K.J.V. *Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.*

NASB: ...and slew **all the male** children that were in Bethlehem...

NWT+NIV: .. **all the boys** in Bethlehem...

NLT: ...to kill **all the boys** in and around Bethlehem...

ASV+AMP: ...all **the male children**...

P.B. I am not sure what history tells us of this horrible event, but the Bible seems to indicate Herod had **all** of the children in that area killed and not just the male children as the 'new' versions would indicate. If this is true he killed all of the children, then I would see this as a great affront to women that the verse was altered to omit the record of the infant girls also being slain in this ghastly incident.

Matthew 15:5-6 K.J.V. *But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.*

NWT+ASV+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT THE WORDS 'OR HIS MOTHER'.

P.B. What is the reasoning behind removing the phrase 'or his mother' from this verse?

Matthew 19:29 K.J.V. *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

NASB+NWT+NIV+ASV+NLT+AMP: THE WORDS 'OR WIFE' ARE OMITTED IN THESE.

P.B. And what is the motive behind removing the words 'or wife' from this verse? Why are the new versions so prone to omit references to the women in a passage? Is this slight a mere oversight on the part of the translators, or is it a deliberate statement concerning their views of the station of women in general? I don't know as I was not there to ask anyone, but I sure do notice this as an evident trend in most modern bible versions. Make of it what you will, but any removal of words from passages of Scripture is not only damaging to our understanding, but also more seriously is a sin against the God who said don't do it!

Mark 10:29 K.J.V. *And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,*

NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: WORDS 'OR WIFE' OMITTED IN THESE.

Luke 8:43 K.J.V. *And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,*

NIV+NASB: OMISSION OF THE UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM THIS VERSE.

NWT+AMP: OMITTS OR DISCREDITS: which had spent all her living upon physicians.

P.B. In the deletion of this underlined text we lose a great deal of insight into the life of this poor woman who had suffered so much for so long a time. Without these words, we would not know that not only had she been ill for all those years, but also now, poverty had come upon her because the doctors had taken all of her money without any of them helping her to become well.

Maybe the translators of these new versions did not think these facts concerning this woman were important enough to included, but God chose to put them in and in is where they belong.

➔ **Genesis 12:19 K.J.V.** *Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.*

NASB+NRSV: ...so that I took her for my wife...

NIV+ASV+AMP: ...so that I took her to be my wife....

P.B. This alteration of text mistakenly transforms the testimony of Sarah into one of an adulteress! While we see the A.V. revealing to us that Pharaoh's response to the matter was a fearfulness he even came close to making the mistake of 'taking her to wife', these 'new' versions have him claiming it was a done deed. This is not only a false witness of the event, but it is also a slanderous attack on the character of this woman of faith.

1 Samuel 20:30 K.J.V. *Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?*

NLT: Saul boiled with rage at Jonathan. **"You stupid son of a whore!"** he swore at him. "Do you..."

P.B. Notice how the A.V. gets across the description of this woman of ill repute without having to use the inappropriate language chosen by the translators of this 'modern' version! In regard to the purity of the words of the Lord, the Wisdom of God says: *For my mouth shall speak truth; and **wickedness is an abomination to my lips**. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; **there is nothing froward or perverse in them**.* (Proverbs 8:7-8 KJV)

Luke 2:36-37 K.J.V. *And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.*

NIV: ...and then was a widow until **she was eighty four**...

NASB+NRSV: ...and then as a widow **to the age of eighty four**...

NLT: ...She was now **eighty-four years old**...

ASV: ...and she had been a widow even **unto fourscore and four years**...

NWT: ...now **eighty four years old**...

P.B. This passage is not saying she was eighty-four years old as the 'moderns' state. Eighty-four is old, but not old enough that people would declare she was a woman 'of a great age'. She was *a widow* for eighty-four years. Even had she married as young as fifteen she would have been at least 106. Now that is definitely old enough that she could be considered a woman of a great age!

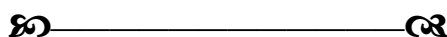
Genesis 19:31 K.J.V. *And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:*

NIV: One day the older daughter said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is **no man around here** to lie with us, as is the custom over the earth"

NLT: One day the older daughter said to her sister, "There isn't a man **anywhere in this entire area**..."

P.B. Lot's daughters had just witnessed not only the death of their loved ones, but also the destruction of the vast area of Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding regions. They must have thought God had destroyed the entire planet if they were thinking there was '**not a man in the earth**' to give them children. This is not to excuse the uncleanness of their actions, but it is a much kinder explanation for their deeds than the way the 'moderns' seem to be saying they chose to have their father impregnate them just because there was no one else handy at the time.

Chapter 8.



More False Witness

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater... 1 John 5:9 KJV

No matter how long or furious Satan's assault on God's Word is, the end of the matter will be that the Word of God shall stand strong and unchanged. When mankind stands before Jesus Christ to be judged for all eternity, the Lord is not going to be sitting on His throne all worn and tattered, looking like He has been through seven thousand years of vicious attack and near defeat. The truth of God will never change; His Word will endure forever. Satan will never defeat the Lord, nor stamp out the truth, no matter how diligently he tries.

Satan's assault on the Word is really an assault on you and I. He knows if he can destroy our confidence in God's Word then he can destroy our faith. When we learn to discern the lies and tactics of the enemy, and know to put our trust in God's truth and not the witness of men, then the Devil loses his power to defeat us. These alterations in the 'modern' bibles, which change the true sayings of God into a false witness, need to be recognized by the believer as the work of the enemy.

***Romans 13:9 K.J.V.** For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

NWT+ASV+NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT UNDERLINED PHRASE** FROM VERSE.

P.B. With all of the changing of truth into lies that goes on in the 'new' bible versions, it should really come as no great shock to us they have omitted the phrase '**thou shalt not bear false witness**' from this section of Scripture. Maybe it was because this portion of the verse had caused them to become '*convicted by their own conscience*'. (Another phrase omitted in many of the 'modern' versions!)

➔ **Mark 1:2 K.J.V.** *As it is written **in the prophets**, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.*

NIV: **It is written in Isaiah the prophet:** “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare...

NWT+NASB: **it is written in Isaiah the prophet...** NRSV+AMP: ...**written in the prophet Isaiah...**

NLT: **In the book of the prophet Isaiah...**

ASV: ...**written in Isaiah the prophet...**

P.B. Here we have the true Word changed into a boldfaced lie! I will give you one thousand dollars if you can show me in the Book of Isaiah the words “Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.” They are not there! Mark later quotes from Isaiah, but these words are found in the Book of Malachi. People, we need to get a grip on something here. The Scriptures are a divine expression of God’s eternal truth; they are brought forth by the Spirit of Truth, they *are* truth! If something is not the truth then it is *not* God’s Word! (...*thy word is truth. John 17:17 KJV*)

But we have an enemy who attacks and changes the Word; and then tries to pawn off on us the lie that God’s Word has suffered damage over the years. He says it is no longer pure; that it has been handled too many times and man’s imperfections have taken their toll upon it. This is all a lie! God has promised to preserve his Word, and He has done so! It amazes me the same people who will tell you God hung the stars in the sky refuse to believe He can be trusted to preserve the integrity of His Word to all generations as He has promised. (*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. Psalms 12:6-7 KJV*)

Matthew 16:23 K.J.V. *But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an **offense** unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

NWT: ...Get behind me Satan! You are a **stumbling block** to me...

NASB: ...Get behind me Satan! You are a **stumbling block** to me; for you are not...

NIV: ...Get behind me Satan! You are a **stumbling block** to me; you do not...

NRSV: ...**stumbling block**.... ASV: ...**stumbling block**....

P.B. Here we have the verse changed in such a manner that they have Jesus making a false witness! The alteration of this verse is a subtle assault upon the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ whom we know had no sin or **stumbling**. A ‘stumbling block’ is something that causes you to trip and fall. Do you think Satan ever caused Jesus to trip and fall? I do not. However, I do think Satan was, and still is, a great **offence** unto Him.

Hebrews 8:9 K.J.V. *Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, **and I regarded them not**, saith the Lord.*

NASB: ...for they did not continue in My covenant, and **I did not care for them**, says the Lord.

NWT: ...did not continue in my covenant, so that **I stopped caring for them**, says Jehovah.

P.B. They had lost God’s favor, but surely not His love! This change in text puts forth a false witness concerning the character of God. The people had grieved God to the point where His judgment fell, but that does not mean he ever stopped caring for them. He cared for those people so deeply that He sent His only begotten Son to die for their sins.

I believe there is a God in Heaven who is very displeased with these perversions of His words. Scholarship often causes man to become so puffed up that he thinks his wisdom is greater than of the Bible. Those who esteem their fleshly wisdom so highly that they take it upon themselves to change God’s Word to conform it to modern opinion will at the end of their days fall into the hands of an angry God!

➔ **Proverbs 8:22+24 K.J.V.** *The LORD **possessed me in the beginning of his way**, before his works of old... ..When there were no depths, **I was brought forth**; when there were no fountains...*

NRSV: The Lord **created me** at the beginning of his work, the **first of his acts** of long ago.

NLT: The LORD **formed me** from the beginning, **before he created anything else**.

NIV: The Lord brought me forth as **the first of his works**... NRSV: The Lord **created me**...

AMP: The Lord **formed** and brought me [wisdom] forth at the beginning...

P.B. Some folks do not believe this passage in Proverbs on Wisdom is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ; I personally do. (*But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30 KJV*) If it is a reference to Christ, then it has been turned into an attack on His deity by declaring Him a part of creation, and not the Creator. This is heresy, and will bring damnation on those who follow and teach this lie.

If this verse is not a reference to Jesus, then the alteration is still a false witness in that it declares ‘wisdom’ had an origin in the beginning of creation. Was wisdom **created**? What did God use for insight and good judgment before He had wisdom? Before wisdom was supposedly created was God ‘unwise’? The nature and attributes of God are eternal; they are without beginning or ending. This includes His magnificent Wisdom, which I believe is revealed to us as His Son: the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:12 K.J.V. *Yea, and all that **will live** godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

NKJV: Yes, and all **who desire to** live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

NLT: Yes, and everyone **who wants to** live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

NWT+NASB: ...all **who desire to**... NIV: ...**who wants to**... NRSV: ...**all who want to**...

P.B. Another example of the truth being slyly altered into a false statement. Just wanting or desiring to live a godly life does not bring persecution! Most people **want to** live right, but their unbelief keeps them in bondage to sin and therefore they live ungodly lives. The persecution comes from actually attaining godliness through faith and true repentance; and then when the wicked see God’s holiness in you their hatred for God causes them to lash out and persecute *Christ in you!* Most religious people never suffer any persecution because there is not enough of the life of Christ manifest in them to stir the evil in others to lash out. Again, it is not in the *wanting* to live godly, but in the *doing* of it that matters.

➔ **Hebrews 9:16-17 K.J.V.** *For where a **testament** is, there must also of necessity be the **death of the testator**. For a **testament** is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the **testator liveth**.*

NASB: For where a **covenant** is, there must of necessity be the **death of the one who made it**. For a **covenant** is valid only when men are dead, for it is **never** in force while the one who made it lives.

NWT: Makes the same ridiculous statement!

P.B. Changing the word ‘**testament**’ in this Scripture to the word ‘**covenant**’ has distorted this verse into a false witness. A testament (or will) is the record of a person’s wishes they desire to have enforced *after their death*. A covenant is an agreement honored by two or more persons *while they are still alive*. Marriage is a covenant; do people have to die for their marriage to be valid? Of course not!

A contract to buy a home or automobile is also a covenant. These are things that might better serve us while we are still here on earth, don’t you agree? Just think of all the covenants described in the Bible; particularly the one between Abraham and his God. Did they both *die* in order to bring that covenant into effect? To say a *covenant* is “valid only when men are dead” and “it is never in force while the one who made it lives” is totally absurd and quite untrue! They have once again changed the truth into a lie here.

John 3:16 K.J.V. For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten** Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

NLT: For God so loved the world that he gave his **only** Son, so that everyone who believes...

NIV: For God so loved the world that he gave his **one and only** Son that whoever believes...

NRSV: For God so loved the world that he gave his **only** Son that everyone who believes...

P.B. The refusal of these translators to use the word '**begotten**' transforms this beautiful passage of Scripture into a false witness. Jesus is God's only *begotten* Son, but He is not God's *only* son! The Bible says Adam was the son of God, and so is *everyone* who is born again from above. (*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:12 KJV*). The Holy Scriptures do not make false statements, but these 'new' versions sure do!

Removing the word '*begotten*' is actually attacking the doctrine of the deity of Christ; the word sets Him above and apart from those who become God's children by receiving His Spirit through faith.

John 1:14 K.J.V. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of **the only begotten** of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

NLT: ...And we have seen his glory, the glory of **the only Son** of the Father...

NRSV: ...the glory as of a father's **only son**...

John 3:18 K.J.V. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of **the only begotten** Son of God.

NLT: ...But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the **only Son** of God.

NIV: ...because he has not believed in the name of God's one and **only Son**.

NRSV: ...because they have not believed in the name of the **only Son** of God.

➔ **James 2:1 K.J.V.** My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, **with respect of persons**.

NIV: My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, **don't show favoritism**.

NASB: ...do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal **favoritism**.

NLT: ...if you **favor some people** more than... NWT+NRSV ...acts of **favoritism**...

P.B. These 'new' versions make a great error in changing '**respect of persons**' to '**favoritism**' or '**favor**'. Respect of persons deals with honoring people because of social status or religious position, but showing favor has to do with responding to a person's behavior. We should *never* let our treatment of people be determined by their social standing or their religious rank; but it is quite Scriptural for us to show favor to a person according to their actions. Are we not told in the Bible to show disfavor and discipline our children when they behave poorly, and to reward (favor) them for good behavior?

We are also directed in the Bible not to fellowship with those who choose to live in sin, but to assemble ourselves together with those who walk in the Spirit. God actually *instructs* us to show favoritism in His Word. (*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10 KJV*) God's Word tells us to show favoritism to believers over unbelievers! I could cite many more examples in the Scriptures of the acceptability of Christians showing favor; but here we see that these 'new' versions mistakenly condemn it.

This is a good example of how the modern versions often lead people astray by presenting concepts that are not taught in the true Scriptures, and in many cases, such as this one, they route people into behavior or attitudes that are actually *contrary* to the will of God! Favor is a very real and vital part of our walk with God. The new-age gospel (like communism) makes everyone equal regardless of their behavior.

James 2:9 K.J.V. *But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.*

NIV: But if you show **favoritism**, you sin, and are convinced by the law as lawbreakers.

NASB: But if you show **partiality**, you are committing sin and are convinced by the law as transgressors.

NWT: But if you continue **showing favoritism**, you are working a sin.

P.B. This verse has been altered into not only a false witness, but also an accusation against God, because He is very prone to show favoritism and partiality! Is God sinful? The Scriptures do teach us in Ephesians 6:9: *...your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.*; but many times in the Bible are we told about God showing favor and partiality: (*Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: Psalms 106:4 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield. Psalms 5:12 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: Psalms 30:5 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: Psalms 30:7 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. Proverbs 8:35 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD. Proverbs 18:22 KJV*)

Romans 2:11 K.J.V. *For there is no respect of persons with God.*

NLT+NIV: For God **does not show favoritism**.

NWT+NASB: For **there is no partiality** with God. AMP: For God **shows no partiality**...

P.B. Oh yes, He most certainly does! We all have access to the throne room of God through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, and we certainly do thank God for that! But the concept of God showing favor to certain faithful and obedient individuals over others is so evident in the Bible I cannot see how any ‘scholar’ could make such a lying statement that God does not show favoritism.

Ephesians 6:9 K.J.V. *And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.*

NIV: ...both their Master and yours is in heaven, and **there is no favoritism with him**.

NLT: ...you both have the same Master in heaven, and **he has no favorites**.

NWT+NASB: ... and **there is no partiality with Him**.

P.B. To the geniuses who have graced us with these ‘new’ translations I have this to say: If you honestly think God has no favorites - then I think maybe you should have *read* the Scriptures before you attempted to translate them!

Revelation 3:14 K.J.V. *And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:*

NKJV: ...things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, **the Beginning** of the creation of God...

NASB: ... **the Beginning** of the creation of God... AMP: ...**Beginning**...

P.B. The simple act of capitalizing the letter ‘b’ in the word ‘Beginning’ transforms this verse from Scripture into heresy. Capitalizing this word implies Jesus was the first thing God created, instead of that all of creation had its beginning in Jesus. God spoke all things into existence thru his Son; that is why the phrase “the beginning of the creation of God” is used. To say Jesus is a part of creation would mean He is not God; and that is heresy. However, the Bible plainly teaches us He is God. I believe these attacks on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ to be irrefutable evidence of the satanic influence behind the corruption of truth so frequently found in these ‘modern’ versions.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 K.J.V. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he** who now letteth will let, **until he** be taken out of the way.

NKJV: For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He** who now restrains will do so **until He** is taken out of the way.

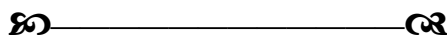
P.B. In this passage dealing with the coming of the Antichrist someone has chosen to thrust upon us their false doctrine by capitalizing both occurrences of the word '**he**'. This capitalization is given to show deity, and reflects the mistaken belief of that which restrains the appearance of the Antichrist is the Holy Spirit of God. This concept comes forth from a false teaching many call: 'The Pre-tribulation Rapture of the Church'. This erroneous teaching puts forth, among other things that the Body of Christ will be taken from the earth *before* the final few years known as the 'Great Tribulation'; and that the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the earth also at this 'Rapture'. The word 'rapture' is not found in the Scriptures, and quite frankly neither is the Pre-trib Rapture teaching! Most who hold to this teaching think that the Church has always held this viewpoint; but in reality this doctrine crept in about a hundred years ago, and only has had widespread influence for about fifty years or so. Thankfully this false doctrine is becoming less and less popular as more and more Christians are questioning its validity and Scriptural foundation (or lack thereof). I was converted in a fellowship that taught about a pre-trib 'rapture', but as I prayerfully searched the Scriptures for confirmation of this teaching I found the evidence to be to the contrary. We will be joined to the Lord Jesus Christ at his Return; to teach otherwise is to lie against the truth of God's Word.

I have yet to find anyone who can explain to me how people will be saved during the 'Great Tribulation' without the Holy Spirit here to quicken them into what we have come to call being 'born again'. In addition, Revelation 20:4-5 speaks of the 'First Resurrection', which includes those martyred by the Antichrist. If the dead in Christ had already been resurrected **before** the 'Tribulation', could this properly be called the First Resurrection? And further, in 1 Corinthians 15:52 where it describes the dead in Christ rising, it says this will happen at the 'Last Trump'; but we know, from Revelation also, the trumpet of God will sound time and time again during the 'Tribulation', with a Last trump right before the First Resurrection and **the return** of Christ. (His *third* coming according to Pre-trib doctrine). In order for someone to believe this teaching, 'The Pre-tribulation Rapture of the Church', you would have to accept that: (a.) the 'First Resurrection' is not really the *first* resurrection, (b.) the 'Last Trump' is not really the *last* trump, (c.) The second coming is not really the *second* coming, and (d.) you can be 'born again' *without* the Holy Spirit to quicken you. Any reasonable person would view these four points as quite substantial. Do you?

In 2Thessalonians 1:6-10 the passage speaks of 'recompense' (payback/paycheck) being given to the wicked **and** the righteous when the Lord Jesus *shall be revealed from heaven!* It says the righteous shall enter into His rest *at His return*, not seven years earlier at some second non-coming. If you read the following chapter (2Thess.2) and take it for just what it says, there is no way to accept any other reasoning than that the Antichrist must appear before Christ does. Notice it specifies the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ **and** our gathering together unto Him - here these two events are linked to each other and presented as one event! This prohibits any previous 'gathering together unto Him' of the Church.

These are just a few of numerous examples one can give that show this teaching to be contrary to the Word of God; and many passages of Scripture could be quoted to refute this error. Let the following suffice for now: *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.* (Romans 8:9-11 KJV) No one is getting saved during the time of 'The Great Tribulation' without the Holy Spirit! How could they take part in the 'first resurrection' without the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in them? The 'pre-tribulation rapture' is an erroneous myth. We will be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus **at His return**, and then proceed to the 'Marriage Supper'; which if you will prayerfully consider Revelation Chapter 19 you will see this 'Supper' is *the battle* which ensues upon the return of The Lord Jesus Christ. Not exactly what you were taught? Read it for yourself!

Chapter 9.



The Changing Polarity of the New Versions

For I am the LORD, I change not...

Malachi 3:6 KJV

About face! At the platoon leader's command all of the soldiers standing in formation smartly change their orientation 180 degrees. "About face!", he cries once more; quickly again they spin to face the opposite direction. I wonder if an army platoon may have been practicing outside the window of the translators as they worked on these 'new' bible versions; because we see they frequently obeyed the order from someone to make a U-turn in the meaning of the verse on which they were working!

So many of the passages in the 'modern' versions say the very opposite of what is written in the true Scriptures it makes a person wonder just *who* ordered the 'turn-around'. Speaking to us concerning unity, Paul wrote: "...*let us walk by the same rule...*" (*Philippians 3:16 KJV*). How can we possibly 'walk by the same rule' if the bibles which we are reading from are telling us opposing versions of just what the 'rule book' has to say? *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?* (*Amos 3:3 KJV*)

The disagreements that result from the conflicting statements made from one version to another in a particular verse do not promote unity, but instead bring *unhealthy* division; accomplishing the objectives of our adversary, the Devil! Who else could be behind these confusion-promoting alterations of God's Word?

➔ **Genesis 27:39-40 K.J.V.** *And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling **shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above**; And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.*

NIV: ...Your dwelling will be **away from** the earth's richness, **away from** the dew of heaven...

NRSV: ...See, **away from** the fatness of the earth shall your home be, and **away from** the dew of heaven...

NASB: ...**away from** the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, and **away from** the dew of heaven...

NWT: ...**away from** the fertile soils of the earth... ...**away from** the dew...

P.B. Hey, wasn't this was supposed to be a blessing? Too bad for Esau, because these versions turn the story around to make it sound like he was being cursed not blessed!

Philippians 2:6 K.J.V. *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

NIV+AMP: ...did not consider equality with God something to be grasped.

ASV: ...counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped.

NASB: ...did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

NWT: ...gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God.

P.B. Here once more, with but minor surprise, we see these ‘moderns’ saying just the opposite of the Holy Scriptures. Two contradictory statements cannot both be true! Truth is not some cosmic putty that was given to us to bend and twist around to make it sound any way we want it to. This alteration actually attacks the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. To say Jesus ‘did not consider equality with God something to be grasped’ is to say He did not think Himself to be God, which He most certainly is! (...*He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. John 14:9 KJV*) This change in text evidences the heresy in the hearts of those ungodly men who were moved by evil to corrupt the Scriptures. (*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God** spake as they were **moved by the Holy Ghost.** 2 Peter 1:21 KJV*)

To many, who do not believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, changes like this are more than welcome. The hidden danger is that even though the new versions might *sound* like they are making an accurate appraisal of the situation - here they are in fact robbing the reader of another declaration of Christ’s deity!

Galatians 2:20 K.J.V. *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

NIV: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live...

NLT: ...I myself no longer live...

NWT+NASB+AMP: ...and it is no longer I who live...

P.B. Being crucified with Christ brings the believer true life, not a state of no longer being alive!

Proverbs 11:24 K.J.V. *There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.*

NASB: ...withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.

NRSV: ...Others withhold what is due, and suffer only want.

P.B. The second half of this verse is altered to an inverted reasoning that now declares if you withhold only what is due it will bring poverty upon you! Is this verse now telling us if we want to prosper we had better withhold *more than what is right?* It sure sounds like it to me.

Genesis 3:16 K.J.V. *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

NASB+NIV+NKJV+NLT: ...your desire will be for your husband...

NWT: ...cravings will be for... AMP: ...your desire and craving will be for your husband...

P.B. The phrase ‘thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee’ was given by God to Eve to tell her that her wishes would now be subject to the wishes of her husband. This was a part of the punishment brought upon her by their sins. Notice how the ‘moderns’ change this phrase to ‘your desire will be for your husband’. They now have God saying to Eve that He is going to punish her by giving her desire for her husband! I think the majority of people would not consider this something that was along the lines of chastisement, Adam in particular.

Mark 13:9 K.J.V. *But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.*

NKJV: ...You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, **for a testimony to them.**
 ASV+NASB+NRSV: ... **a testimony unto them.** NIV: ... **as witnesses to them.**
 NWT: ...for **a witness to them...** AMP: ...**for a testimony to them...**

P.B. I see no similarity in a testimony **to** someone, and a testimony **against** them, do you? The phrase ‘for a testimony against them’ was given to speak of future judgment. Alterations like this remove the connotation of accountability to God from this verse (and many others) in a very subtle fashion.

Genesis 16:5 K.J.V. *And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.*

NASB+NRSV: ...May **the wrong done me be upon you...**
 NIV: ...**You are responsible for the wrong** I am suffering...
 AMP: May [the responsibility for] **my wrong and deprivation of rights be upon you!**

P.B. Sarah’s statement is changed from a humble confession of her guilt in the matter of Abraham’s vexation to now declaring not only had she been wronged, but she also wanted Abraham to bear the shame of it.

Genesis 20:16 K.J.V. *And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.*

NASB: ... **it is your vindication** before all who are with you, and before all men **you are cleared.**
 NIV:to **cover the offense** against you before all who are with you: you are **completely vindicated.**

P.B. These ‘new’ versions change the words the king used to **reprove** Sarah into words of **vindication** that proclaimed her *blameless* in the matter!

NWT+ASV: ...pieces of silver. Behold, **it is for thee a covering of the eyes** to all that are with thee...

P.B. This change in ASV says **the silver** is her ‘covering of the eyes’, **not Abraham** as in A.V.!

NKJV: ...indeed **this vindicates you** before all who are with you and before everybody.” **Thus she was rebuked.**

P.B. Unbelievably, the NKJV says the king **rebuked her** by declaring that she was **vindicated!**

Colossians 4:8 K.J.V. *Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;*

ASV: ...sent you for this very purpose, **that Ye may know our state,** and that he may comfort...
 NLT: ...**to let you know how we are doing...** AMP: ...**that you may know how we are faring...**
 NIV+NASB: ...that **you may know about our circumstances...**

P.B. “About face!”

Psalms 104:4 K.J.V. *Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:*

NASB+AMP: He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers.

NIV: He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants...

NRSV: you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

P.B. Here in a fairy tale fashion typical of the ‘moderns’ we see the natural elements coming to life to speak and minister. I am not going to hold my breath waiting for the ‘wind’ to bring me a message from God; and the only flames which I want ministering to me would be a ‘Man of God’ who is full of the Holy Ghost and fire!

Proverbs 11:30 K.J.V. *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*

ASV: ...And he that is wise winneth souls.

NASB: ...And he who is wise wins souls.

P.B. The inversion of this Scripture also perverts the truth of it. Yes, it is true being a soul winner is wise, but being wise does not necessarily make a person a soul-winner. Many ‘wise’ persons in this world have no interest whatsoever in soul winning.

NRSV: ...But violence takes away lives.

NLT: ...and those who save lives are wise.

P.B. Where these other two renderings came from is beyond me.

➔ **Jeremiah 3:1 K.J.V.** *They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.*

NIV+AMP: ...lived as a prostitute with many lovers-would you now return to me? declares the Lord.

NRSV: ...played the whore with many lovers; and would you now return to me? says the Lord.

P.B. What a shame! This wonderful invitation for the ‘backslider’ to return to the Lord is altered to sound like He is saying, “How dare you think you are going to return to me after what you have done!”

For some of us, such as I, who have stumbled in our faith in the past, this is one of the most beautiful descriptions of the redemptive heart of God. He awaits the prodigal son with arms wide open, and offers of forgiveness - not a snooty rebuke like in these new versions here!

1 Corinthians 11:16 K.J.V. *But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.*

NLT: ...we have no other custom than this, and all the churches of God feel the same way.

NASB: ...we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God.

NWT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: similar text making the same ridiculous statement!

P.B. Another U-turn! That would be like changing the phrase: “We do not have any eggs.” to now read: “We have nothing but eggs.” Are we to believe this is the *only* custom held by these folks?

Nehemiah 9:38 K.J.V. *And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.*

NLT: Yet in spite of all this, we are making a solemn promise and putting it in writing...

Hosea 11:12 K.J.V. *Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.*

NASB: ...Judah is also **unruly against God**, Even against the Holy One who is faithful.

AMP: ...Judah is **not yet steadfast with God**, with the faithful Holy One.

NIV: THE VERSE IS **TOTALLY OMITTED** IN THIS VERSION.

P.B. Is Judah ‘yet ruling with God’ or is Judah ‘unruly against God’? I guess the NIVers could not make up their minds so they just left out this verse altogether!

It should not take much discernment to see how changes like this could war against the faith of those new to Christ, or untaught on the wiles of the enemy. Presenting the reader with an opposing text gives Satan the means to cast doubt on the true text - saying, “Maybe it says this - maybe it says that, we just don’t know for sure what was written way back in those days!” Don’t let these subtle lies work on you! God is more than able to preserve His Word, but the enemy doesn’t want you to have that confidence.

Matthew 12:23 K.J.V. *And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?*

NASB: ...were amazed, and were saying, “**This man cannot be the Son of David**, can he?”

NIV: ...were astonished and said, “**Could this be the Son of David?**”

NRSV+ASV: ...amazed and said, “**Can this be the Son of David?**”

NKJV: ...all the multitudes were amazed and said, “**Could this be the Son of David?**”

NLT: ...was amazed. “**Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?**” they wondered out loud.

AMP: ...**This cannot be the son of David, can it?**

P.B. Notice how here they change a positive statement that affirms the lineage of Jesus into a negative one that does not! This change of polarity is quite common in the ‘new’ versions.

Psalms 11:7 K.J.V. *For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.*

ASV: For Jehovah is righteous; He loveth righteousness: **the upright shall behold his face.**

NLT: For the LORD is righteous, and he loves justice. **Those who do what is right will see his face.**

NWT: ...**The upright are the ones that will behold his face.**

P.B. God looking upon man is now altered to man looking upon God. I see a sermon in that one!

Matthew 18:12 K.J.V. *How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?*

NIV: ...Will he not **leave the ninety-nine on the hills** and go to look for the one?

NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...does he not **leave the ninety-nine on the mountain**...

Colossians 2:18 K.J.V. *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*

ASV: Let no man rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in the things which **he hath seen**, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...

NIV: ...Goes into great detail about **what he has seen**, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up...

NASB+NWT+AMP: ...**he has seen**... NRSV: ...**dwelling on visions**...

P.B. Someone preaching on things of which **he has not seen**, is changed to someone preaching about the things **that he has seen**. Are we to believe both are the true sayings of God?

➔ **Hebrews 2:16 K.J.V.** For verily he **took not on him the nature of angels**; but he **took on him the seed of Abraham**.

NIV: For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendents.

NKJV: For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

ASV: For verily not to angels doth he give help, but he giveth help to the seed of Abraham.

NLT: We all know that Jesus came to help the descendants of Abraham, not to help the angels.

NASB: For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

NRSV: For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

NWT: For he is not really assisting angels at all, but he is assisting Abraham's seed.

AMP: For He did not take hold of angels, but he did take hold of the fallen descendants of Abraham.

P.B. Do you see anything in the text of these 'new' versions that brings forth the wonderful truth we receive from the A.V.? This Scripture is important for a number of reasons, but namely that Christ **took on him the seed of Abraham**, because in Him we also are the seed of Abraham and heirs according to the promise of God. Every one of these 'new-age' bibles has bankrupted this rich verse of Scripture!

Isaiah 9:3 K.J.V. Thou hast multiplied the nation, **and not increased** the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

NKJV: You have multiplied the nation **and increased** its joy...

ASV+NRSV+NIV+NASB+AMP: ...**and increased** ...

NWT: You have **made the rejoicing great**...

P.B. Once again, the drill sergeant of darkness barks out his command; see his unholy battalion now promptly whirl and change direction!

John 13:2 K.J.V. **And supper being ended**, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

NWT: And while **the evening meal was going on**...

ASV: **And during supper**, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot...

NLT: **It was time for supper**, and the Devil had already enticed Judas...

NASB: **During supper**... NIV: The evening meal **was being served**...

NRSV: **And during supper**... AMP: So [it was] **during supper**...

P.B. Was it **after** supper or **during** supper? Only one record of this event is really the truth!

Isaiah 18:7 K.J.V. In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of **a people scattered and peeled**, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; **a nation meted out and trodden under foot**, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

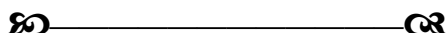
NKJV: In that time a present will be brought to the LORD of hosts From **a people tall and smooth** of skin,
And from a people terrible from their beginning onward, **A nation powerful and treading down**...

ASV: ...**a people tall and smooth**,... ...**a nation that meteth out and treadeth down**...

AMP: ...**a people tall and polished**... ...**a nation strong and victorious**...

P.B. A people **scattered and peeled** is altered to read a people **tall and smooth**; and a nation **meted out and trodden under foot** now reads a nation **powerful and treading down**. Were these people conquerors as stated in these 'moderns' or the conquered ones as described in the A.V.?

Chapter 10.



The Influence of Rome



*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But **in vain they do worship me**, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

Matthew 15:8-9 KJV

This six-word phrase ‘in vain they do worship me’ is a passage that has given me cause for a great deal of reflection in my own personal walk with the Lord. What a somber thought it is that so many people who have spent their lives devoted to religious endeavor will be cast aside by the Lord on the Day of Judgment because they have rejected the truth, and followed instead the teachings of man.

An entire lifetime of good works and devout faithfulness will be to no avail if a person’s beliefs are not founded upon the true sayings of God. As the Israelites in the wilderness worshipped a golden calf that had been fabricated for them according to their wishes, so today hundreds of millions worship a false image of God that has been fabricated for them by one lying religion or another. (*The prophets **prophesy falsely**, and the priests bear rule by their means; **and my people love to have it so**: and what will ye do in the end thereof? Jeremiah 5:31 KJV*)

Of all of the false religions spawned by man’s rejection of the truth, the Catholic Church is probably the one that has been the biggest detriment over the years to the Body of Christ; but the average believer has little or no insight into just what atrocious deception comes forth through the teachings of Rome. Many fine works have been written which expose the corruption of the ‘Whore’ of Revelation Chapter 17; the purpose of this chapter is to give a few examples of how the influence of Rome is evidenced in many of the alterations of Scripture that we find in the ‘new’ bible translations.

➔ **Matthew 3:11 K.J.V.** *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

NASB+NIV+NRSV: I baptize you with water **for** repentance...

P.B. Baptism **for** repentance is a *Catholic doctrine* and is a far cry from the truth! Baptizing someone does *not* bring repentance upon them. True repentance is found in a change of heart and life-style, not in a religious ritual. Also, sprinkling a baby with water has nothing to do with the teachings of genuine Christianity. True baptism is being immersed (buried with Him) in water for a public testimony of an inward conversion of heart; a heart now believing the record of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that His blood was shed to wash us from our sins. Thank you Jesus!

1 Kings 7:48 K.J.V. *And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the showbread was,*

NASB+NIV: ...on which was the **bread of the Presence**...

NLT+NRSV: ...the gold table for the **Bread of the Presence**...

P.B. Although I make no claims of being a ‘Bible Scholar’, I have read the Bible through and through, studying it for a number of years. I can find no basis in the Scriptures for changing the ‘showbread’ into ‘**the bread of the Presence**’ as is found in these translations. There is nothing taught anywhere in the Bible that would lead a person to declare the literal presence of God is to be found residing in a loaf of bread! This is more error introduced into these ‘new’ versions by translators being influenced by their Catholic beliefs, and has no foundation in the true teachings of the Bible.

There are many wonderful symbolism, allegories, and ‘types’ in the Bible which use bread as a basis to teach us about the things of God, and in the case of the Lord’s Supper to bring His work on the Cross to our remembrance. However, to think you are going to receive God into you by eating a piece of bread or a cracker is contrary to the Word of God. It is amazing how a false doctrine like this can be so lacking of a Scriptural foundation and yet gain so widespread of an acceptance.

Numbers 4:7 K.J.V. *And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:*

NIV+NRSV: Over **the table of the Presence** they are...

NASB: Over **the table of the bread of the Presence**...

P.B. Now we have some versions going a step farther and calling the ‘table of showbread’ the ‘**table of the Presence**’! Do you believe in days of old the Spirit of God dwelt on something called ‘the table of the Presence’? My reading of the Scriptures has lead me to believe the presence of God was to be found upon the Mercy Seat over the Ark of the Covenant in the inner chamber of the temple called the Holy of Holies; not on a table outside of the veil in the place called the sanctuary.

Mark 2:26 K.J.V. *How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the showbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?*

NASB+NIV: **consecrated bread**... AMP: ...**sacred loaves**...

NRSV: ...ate the **bread of the Presence**...

P.B. Though the average reader might not pick up on it, an ex-Catholic could easily see the influence of Rome in alterations such as these.

John 1:42 K.J.V. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, **which is by interpretation, A stone**.

NLT: ...“You are Simon, the son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (**which means Peter**).

ASV: ... art Simon the son of John: thou shalt be called Cephas (**which is by interpretation, Peter**).

NIV: ...**Peter**... NWT: ...**Peter**... NASB: ...**Peter**... NRSV: ...**Peter**... AMP: ...**Peter**...

P.B. We could easily fill a chapter here on the error of Rome concerning Bro. Peter, but let's not!

Mark 3:29 K.J.V. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is **in danger of eternal damnation**.

NASB: ...against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is **guilty of an eternal sin**.

NIV+NRSV+ASV: ...**guilty of an eternal sin**. NLT: ...It is **an eternal sin**.

NWT: **everlasting sin**... AMP: **everlasting trespass**...

P.B. According to the teachings of Rome, some sins require eternal punishment, but many are of a lesser nature and require only a temporary punishment in a place called Purgatory; but this place is only a Catholic myth, and does not exist. The torments of hell that await the wicked are without end, no annihilation and no reprieve.

For centuries people with departed loved ones have been duped into thinking they could give money and possessions to the Catholic Church to purchase the release of the dead from the fires of Hell. The horrible acts of this corrupt religion have oppressed multiplied millions for centuries; and now we see this corruption trying to sneak into the true believer's life through the alterations in the 'new' bibles.

Romans 14:6 K.J.V. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; **and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it**. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.**

P.B. The phrase 'and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it' is a statement that allows there are some people who do not hold to the tradition of elevating certain days above others, and that this is perfectly acceptable to the Lord. This way of thinking rubs the religious notions of man the wrong way. They do not want people thinking you can be right with God without a regiment of religious activities that lock you into a membership in their organization (and all of its rituals that they would lead you to believe bring God's grace upon you through your participation). Hence, we see the removal from these 'new' versions of the underlined phrase in the Scripture given above. (*One man esteemeth one day above another: **another esteemeth every day alike**. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. Romans 14:5 KJV*)

Luke 1:28 K.J.V. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: **blessed art thou among women**.

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS.**

P.B. This omitted phrase puts forth the reasoning Mary was blessed above all other women because she was to be the mother of Jesus; but this is not how Rome sees it. They believe Mary was already blessed, and Jesus was so special because He was born of her union with God. The false teachings the Catholic Church puts forth about Mary, and the state of exaltation they have placed upon her, are not fully realized by most Christians. They are terrible perversions of the truths of the Bible.

John 6:33 K.J.V. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

ASV: For the bread of God is **that** which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

NASB: For the bread of God is **that** which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.

NRSV: For the bread of God is **that** which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

P.B. Here a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ being the bread of God is now altered to a reference of an inanimate object being the bread of God. Such alterations aid in producing the atmosphere of idolatry that comes forth through the teachings and ceremonies of the Catholic Church.

Matthew 1:25 K.J.V. And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

NWT: ...until she gave birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus.

NASB: but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son and he called His name Jesus.

NIV: But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

NLT: but she remained a virgin until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

ASV: and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name JESUS.

AMP: DISCREDITS WORDS HER FIRSTBORN WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. This Scripture is an affront to the teachings of the Catholic Church. They teach Mary was and is a perpetual virgin. The words 'her firstborn' hint to us Jesus was not an only child; a reality that would shatter the Catholic doctrine to pieces. The fact these words are removed is one of the many evidences of Catholic type beliefs on the part of the translators coming through in their work on these 'modern' versions.

➔ **1 Peter 5:5 K.J.V.** Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder: Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NASV+NRSV+AMP: OMIT UNDERLINED WORDS FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. This section of Scripture is one that speaks out against the 'Pastor/Priest is the King of the flock' mentality the Catholic culture brought upon the scene. This mind-set elevates man to a position of dominion, and almost without fail cloaks him in a mantle of religious pride. Such a person would be quite comfortable with this deletion of text from Peter's letter. Most of the Christian churches in our nation are modeled after this structure of hierarchy *forbidden* by the Lord Jesus Christ. (*But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: Matthew 20:25-26 KJV*)

Revelation 2:15 K.J.V. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

NLT+ASV+NRSV+NIV+NWT+NASB: OMIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS FROM THIS VERSE.

AMP: DISCREDITS THE WORDS WHICH THING I HATE WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. Another Scripture speaking out against the prideful dominion that comes about through religious hierarchy is altered in these versions. They remove the portion of the verse stating Jesus hates this doctrine. *Nico* = conquer or subdue. *Laity* = common or under-class people. Nicolaitanes = hierarchy!

I have not found another verse in the New Testament where Jesus give as strong of a declaration as that He hates something. This should speak quite clearly to us as to his view of man's religious counterfeits of His true church - the Body of Christ.

Revelation 2:17 K.J.V. *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I **give to eat of the hidden manna**, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...I will **give to eat some of the hidden manna**... (P.B. Just some?)

P.B. Once again, in Catholic fashion, these versions change the verse to sound like God is saying if we will be good, He will toss us a couple slices of (consecrated) bread. In the Bible, bread is symbolic of the Lord Jesus Christ; and in this verse the ‘hidden manna’ is the Spirit of Christ. To say Christ will give the overcomer just **some** of the hidden manna, is to say He will be a husband that only gives His bride just a part of Himself. Do you think Jesus is going to be a stingy with his wife? I think the Heavenly Husband will give his bride **all** of the hidden manna.

➔ **Hebrews 1:3 K.J.V.** *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had **by himself** purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL **OMIT THE WORDS ‘BY HIMSELF’ FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. The teachings of Rome do not declare that Jesus ‘**by himself**’ purged us from our sins. You might be surprised to learn they call Mary a ‘co-redeemer’, and teach she has an equal part in our redemption! Why are these versions altered to remove those words that prohibit this error of doctrine?

Luke 22:20 K.J.V. *Likewise also, the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is **shed** for you.*

NLT+ASV+NASB+NIV: ...**poured out**...

P.B. The blood which we see ‘poured out’ throughout the Bible is a ritualistic ‘foreshadowing’ of the Blood of Christ which would later be ‘**shed**’ for an offering for our sins. It is important to distinguish between the two; but these ‘new’ versions fail to do so using the ritualistic ‘**poured out**’.

Clearing up a popular misconception:

You will often hear people state that they like their NKJV, NIV, NASB, NRSV, etc. because it is *easier to read* than the King James Bible; but did you know that this is not a truthful statement? Modern testing formulas, such as the Fleisch - Kincaid test or Gunning’s ‘Fog’ test, show that the NIV is seventh grade reading material, and the NKJV and NASB are at the sixth grade level. But these tests show that the KJV reads at only the fifth grade level! The ‘readability’ of written material is not determined by how *modern sounding* its words are but by other factors, such as the average number of letters and syllables per word and the average number of words per sentence. The ‘moderns’ consistently use harder to read text!

Because of the constraints of ‘derivative copyright’ laws the ‘new’ versions are prone to use words and sentences harder to read in order to conform to the legal requirement that *there be substantial change in the content of their text from that of the original work* so they might secure a copyright on their version! The next time somebody tells you the ‘modern’ versions are preferable, because they take less effort to read, tell them they are mistaken because the KJV is actually the ‘easier to read’ version!

Still people will fuss and say “But the King James has all of those old fashioned words I don’t know the meaning of.” Maybe God would like you to *learn* the meaning of those words so you might have a greater understanding of His ways? People are so used to going the easiest route they think the anemic text of the ‘new’ bibles to be superior to the richness of the KJV! God did not design the Scriptures to be fast-food. Try to study (2 Timothy 2:15) the KJV with a good dictionary handy. You’ll be greatly enriched!

The unfaithful witness of two unholy manuscripts

For most people some clarity over this issue of the differing bible versions begins when they come to an understanding that the ‘new’ versions *do not* come from the same manuscripts from which we get the ‘Authorized’ or King James Version. Almost any Christian you ask thinks the ‘modern’ bibles are just ‘updated’ versions of the KJV. This is totally false - they come from manuscripts that have been corrupted by changes over the years to conform them to the beliefs of heretics and false teachers. The ‘Revised Greek Text’ - the underlying text of most ‘new’ versions and the major influence behind the serious error found in the rest - comes primarily from two manuscripts named Sinaiticus (or Aleph) and Vaticanus (or B). Minor consideration was given to a small group of other manuscripts, but the overall body of the ‘Revised Text’ comes from these two. Let’s look at a few eye-opening facts about ‘Aleph’ and ‘B’ that many folks find quite disturbing:

Vaticanus

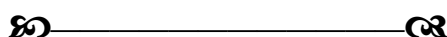
- It disagrees with the ‘Texus Receptus’ (from which we get the KJV) nearly 50% of the time!
- It **omits** Genesis 1:1 thru Genesis 46:28, Psalms 106 - 138, Matthew 16:2-3, Titus, I and II Timothy, and Hebrews 9:14 thru 13:25. Also large parts of Samuel, Kings, Nehemiah, and **all of Revelation!**
- Modern technology has proven that it has been **altered** by at least two different people!
- It has almost 600 readings that cannot be found in **any** of the other 5,300+ available manuscripts!
- Its Greek ‘style’ varies greatly from the Koine Greek typical of the New Testament writings!
- It was written on vellum scrolls (made of the skin of animal fetuses) not the papyrus commonly used by the early believers.
- This corrupt manuscript lay dormant and unused for over 11 centuries!
- It was ‘resurrected’ from the vaults of the Vatican in the 15th century to aid in suppressing the Reformation, and released 100 years later as the Jesuit-Rheims bible!
- It adds the Apocryphal books.
- The Vaticanus and Sinaiticus **disagree** with each other over 3,000 times in the Gospels alone!

Sinaiticus

- The Sinaiticus manuscript was discovered in the mid-1800’s, by a man named Tischendorf, in a trash-can in St. Catherine’s Monastery near Mt. Sinai. It had been **discarded** by the monks!
- It disagrees with the Majority Text approx. 9,000 times!
- It has been proven that the manuscript has been **erased** and ‘**corrected**’ by as many as nine or ten people over the years!
- It lay dormant and unused for over 15 centuries!
- It has approx. 1,500 readings that cannot be found in **any** of the other 5,300+ available manuscripts!
- It **omits** Exodus, Joshua, I and II Samuel, I and II Kings, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Judges! Also parts of Matthew, Mark, John, Acts, Romans, I John, Genesis, Numbers, and I Chronicles!
- It includes Apocryphal books: ‘The Shepherd of Hermas’, ‘The Epistle of Barnabas’, ‘Judith’, ‘Bel and the Dragon’, and ‘Tobit’.

These manuscripts, both proven to have been altered and corrupted, are not the pure and preserved Word of God promised in Psalms 12:6-7! The alterations to them reflect the heretical beliefs of those who made the changes. They are not just simple mistakes in spelling or copy. They are deliberate alterations to *change doctrine*. These manuscripts are the foundation upon which nearly every single ‘modern’ bible is constructed, and they influence the introduction of great error in the others. (NKJV included!) Jesus said a corrupt tree **cannot** bring forth good fruit! Why feed off the corrupt fruit of the ‘new’ bible versions when we have the pure and preserved Word of God available in the K.J.V.?

Chapter 11.



Wisdom Assaulted

... ye have perverted the words of the living God...

Jeremiah 23:36 KJV

Wisdom is a precious gift generously given by God to mankind to aid us in our journey through this life. James said if a person lacked in wisdom all he had to do was ask in faith and God would liberally supply. For the believer the source of all true wisdom is God; but many times in the ‘new’ versions we see Scriptures that are given by God to bring forth wisdom perverted to the point they bring forth only foolishness or outright lies. The alterations exhibited in this chapter show such an evident attack on the truth it should be seen also as an assault on our own wisdom that the translators of these versions would think we would fall for such obvious nonsense and error.

➔ *Proverbs 18:1 K.J.V. Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.*

P.B. At times there is a desire that comes upon the heart of a believer to step aside from the affairs of this world in order to seek after, and commune with, the wisdom of God. This is a time of intimacy and growth. Such is the theme of this Scripture. Now notice how this *positive* and instructive exhortation is transformed into a *negative* declaration that to separate oneself is selfish and rebellious.

NASB: He who **separates himself** seeks his **own desire**, He **quarrels against** all sound wisdom.

NIV: An unfriendly man **pursues selfish ends**; he **defies** all sound judgment.

NLT: A **recluse** is self-indulgent, **snarling at every sound principle of conduct**. (**P.B.** John the Baptist?)

NKJV: A man who **isolates himself** seeks his own desire; He **rages against** all wise judgment.

NRSV: The one who **lives alone** is self-indulgent, **showing contempt for all** who have sound judgment.

ASV: He that **separateth himself** seeketh (his own) desire, And **rageth against** all sound wisdom.

NWT: One **isolating himself** will seek (his own) **selfish longing**, **against all practical wisdom** he will...

AMP: expresses similar corruption in a drawn-out statement.

P.B. Here we see the ‘lamp unto our feet’ grows very dim if we follow the reasoning found in these ‘modern’ bibles. It would probably be more accurate to call them alterations than translations!

Proverbs 19:24 K.J.V. *A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.*

NASB+NIV+AMP: ...slothead **buries his hand in the dish**, But will not even bring it back to his mouth.

NRSV: The lazy person **buries his hand in the dish**, and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

NKJV: A lazy man **buries his hand in the bowl**, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth.

P.B. I'm sure we have all seen someone relaxing with **his hands hidden in his bosom** by the folding of his arms across his chest; and most of us are discerning enough about the ways of life to know that someone who spends a great deal of time in this position is lazy or slothful. However, here we find a rather bizarre alteration in the text of these 'modern' versions. They have the slothful soaking his hand in a dish of food! Have you ever heard of a lazy person saying, "Honey, will you bring me a dish of food? I am going to relax now, and I need to **bury my hand in the dish**."

➔ **Jeremiah 9:26 K.J.V.** *Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.*

ASV: Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, **and all that have the corners (of their hair) cut off**, that dwell in the wilderness...

NRSV: ...all those **with shaven temples** who live in the desert...

NWT: **with hair clipped at the temples**... AMP: **who clip off the corners of their hair and beards**...

P.B. Of all the wacky alterations of Scripture I have found this is definitely one of the most peculiar. Here we have a reference to tribes of people that live out **in the utmost corners** of the land strangely being altered to now speaking of people who **have the corners of their hair cut off!** Even the great motorcycle daredevil 'Evil Cannevil' himself couldn't jump the canyon between those two renderings.

Jeremiah 25:23 K.J.V. *Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,*

ASV: ...Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that have **the corners (of their hair) cut off**;

NRSV: ...Dedan, Tema, Buz, and **all who have shaven temples**...

NWT: **with hair clipped at the temples**... AMP: **who clip off the corners of their hair and beards**...

Proverbs 10:23 K.J.V. *It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.*

NASB: Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool, **And so is wisdom to a man of understanding**.

ASV: ...**And (so is) wisdom to a man of understanding**.

P.B. Here we have a statement declaring **a man of understanding hath wisdom**, which is now changed to say wisdom *is just a game* to him!

Proverbs 12:26 K.J.V. *The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.*

NKJV: The righteous **should choose his friends carefully**...

NASB+AMP: The righteous is **a guide to his neighbor**...

NIV: A righteous man is **cautious in friendship**...

P.B. Here we have another 'maybe this/maybe that' dilemma we are presented with by the 'moderns'. These new versions turn the solid Rock of God's Word into a quicksand of multiple choice!

Proverbs 13:23 K.J.V. Much food is in the **tillage** of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

NASB: Abundant food is in the **fallow ground** of the poor...

NKJV: Much food is in the **fallow ground** of the poor...

P.B. **Fallow ground** is that which has grown hard through a long period of not being plowed and planted. How ridiculous to change this verse from stating there is ‘much food in the **tillage** (plowing) of the poor’ into a statement that is in essence saying you will get much food out of a field that is not plowed and planted! There must not have been any farmers (or dictionaries) among those translators.

Proverbs 14:3 K.J.V. In the mouth of the foolish is **a rod of pride**: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

NASB: In the mouth of the foolish is **a rod for his back**....

NRSV+NLT: The talk of fools is **a rod for their backs**...

AMP: In the fool’s own mouth is **a rod [to shame] his pride**.

P.B. This Scripture tells us the mouth of a fool brings forth words of prideful injury (**a rod of pride**) to others. But these versions seem to be saying in the mouth of a fool are words of reproof and correction for himself (**a rod for his back**). If he were so full of these wise words of reproof, would he be a fool? I would put *very little* confidence in a ‘bible’ telling me I could expect to hear wisdom from a fool!

Proverbs 16:1 K.J.V. The preparations of the heart in man, **and** the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

NASB: The plans of the heart belong to man, **but** the answer of the tongue is from the Lord

NIV: To man belong the plans of the heart, **but** from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue.

ASV: The plans of the heart belong to man; **But** the answer of the tongue is from Jehovah.

NWT: To earthling man belong the arrangements of the heart, **but** from Jehovah is the answer of...

AMP: The plans of the mind and orderly thinking belong to man, **but** from the Lord comes the answer...

P.B. Do the plans of the heart belong to the Lord or to man? Only one answer can be the truth!

Proverbs 16:29-30 K.J.V. A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good. He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: **moving his lips** he bringeth evil to pass.

NASB+AMP: ...He who **compresses his lips** brings evil to pass.

NIV: ...he who **purses his lips** is bent on evil.

NLT: ...**without a word**, they plan their mischief.

NKJV: ...He **purses his lips** and brings about evil.

P.B. I have seen evil intent brought to pass by being spoken forth; but **pursing** and/or **compressing** your lips can no more bring evil to pass than wiggling your nose like Samantha the witch did on TV.!

John 1:30 K.J.V. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is **preferred before me**: for he was before me.

ASV: ...After me cometh a man who is become before me: for he was before me.

P.B. Now would someone please tell me just what does *that* sentence say?

Song 8:9 K.J.V. *If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.*

NLT: If she is chaste, we will strengthen and encourage her. But if she is promiscuous, we will shut her off from men.

P.B. This verse is an allegory speaking of the favor that shall be lavished upon the Bride of Christ! Where could this alteration to chastity and promiscuousness possibly find foundation in the structure or content of this verse of Scripture? Many of these changes in the ‘modern’ versions seem to have been pulled out of thin air!

Proverbs 9:6 K.J.V. *Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.*

NASB: **Forsake your folly and live...**

NIV: **Leave your simple ways and you will live...**

NKJV: **Forsake foolishness and live...**

NLT: **Leave your foolish ways behind, and begin to live...**

P.B. This verse is an exhortation to stop hanging out with **foolish people**. It is a milestone in the life of a believer when he or she makes the important decision that they will from now on only fellowship with those whom the Lord would have them to. This is just one of many verses given to govern the conduct of a believer which is altered in the ‘moderns’ to a reasoning other than what the Lord intended for us to receive. Satan is quite skilled at altering God’s Word in such a way it still sounds like something God would say, or want us to do; but if the words are changed to no longer say what God actually said then they are no longer God’s words, even if they do sound like good advice.

Matthew 11:19 K.J.V. *The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. **But wisdom is justified of her children.***

NASB+NRSV: ...a friend of tax collectors and sinners! “Yet **wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.**”

NIV: ...a friend of tax collectors and sinners. “But **wisdom is proved right by her actions.**”

ASV: ...a friend of publicans and sinners! And **wisdom is justified by her works.**

NWT: ...all the same, **wisdom is proven righteous by its works.**

P.B. Wisdom is an influence on the thoughts and actions of a person that causes them to make the best use of their knowledge, experience, understanding, and good judgment. Wisdom has no deeds or actions of her own, and is therefore **justified** in the actions **of her children.**

Philemon 1:6 K.J.V. *That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

NIV: I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

P.B. This statement in the NIV is so typical of the way these ‘new’ translations take the accuracy of God’s Word and cause to it be transformed into inaccurate nonsense. Witnessing is good, but a **full understanding** of what we have in Christ does not come from **sharing our faith!** It comes from seeking God in prayer, fasting, and studying in the Word; and by listening to good preaching, teaching, and exhortation. Changing the Word like this is Satan’s subtle way of stealing away from people the potential of the truth. He leaves it sounding enough like the real thing to get people to accept it, but the life giving power of the truth is no longer there to be received.

➔ **Matthew 6:27 K.J.V.** Which of you by taking thought can add **one cubit unto his stature?**

NASB+NIV: ...add **a single hour to his life?**

NLT: ...add **a single moment to your life?**

ASV: ...can add **one cubit unto the measure of his life?** (P.B. Since when is time measured in cubits?)

NWT: ...can **add one cubit to his life-span?**

P.B. Once again, the words have been changed from a statement that is absolutely true to one that is not. Hezekiah took to some serious worry about his health and *added fifteen years* to his life. Many people ‘take thought’ and add years to their life by quitting smoking or drinking; or by changing their life-style or occupation to a less dangerous one. Yes, this passage is dealing with the futility of worry, but can you see this alteration of text is not an ‘improvement’, but more along the lines of a false statement?

The purpose of these hundreds of ‘harmless little changes’ is not to improve the text, but to satisfy the need for a substantial change of content in order to qualify for a copyright on their version. Without a significant change in content, you cannot obtain a copyright on a revision of someone else’s work; and without that copyright, they would not have the exclusive right to print and sell their version. It is all about *the money*, not improvement of text. If their version was too similar to the K.J.V. it would never see the bookstore! Satan has used man’s greed to further his plan to corrupt God’s Word.

Revelation 4:11 K.J.V. *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, **and for thy pleasure they are and were created.***

NIV+AMP: ...for you created all things, and **by your will they were created and have their being.**

NKJV: ...For You created all things, And **by Your will they exist and were created.**”

NWT+ASV: ...**because of thy will** ...

P.B. This passage of Scripture telling us all things were created *for God’s pleasure* is altered into a false witness. God did not ‘**will**’ creation into existence; the Bible tells us He brought forth all things through His spoken Word. (*And **God said**, Let there be light: **and there was** light. Genesis 1:3 KJV)*

☠ The Unholy Doctrine Of Two Unholy Translators ☠

The two principle figures involved in producing the ‘Revised Greek Text’ - the underlying text for nearly every single one of today’s ‘new’ versions - were named Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott (1825 -1901) and Professor Fenton John Anthony Hort (1828 -1892). A person’s wonderings of why these two would use such obscure and corrupt manuscripts as Vaticanus (B) and Sanaiticus (Aleph) as a foundation for their ‘revision’ are answered by an examination of their beliefs and doctrines. Both men were religious apostates who *openly discussed* their heretical beliefs in their books and letters to others! They had simply chosen ‘Aleph’ and ‘B’ because these altered and tainted manuscripts were in line with their own corrupt beliefs! The alterations, deletions, and error of doctrine found throughout the “new’ versions are a product of the false beliefs of Westcott and Hort being injected into their ‘Revised Greek Text’. And now every time it is used as the underlying text for a ‘new’ version - that book brings forth all of their perverted beliefs and doctrine upon its unsuspecting readers! An eye-opening examination of the lives and beliefs of these two men can be accomplished by reading the following books: *New Age Bible Versions, Which Bible?, Heresies of Westcott and Hort, and Which Bible Can We Trust?* Information on finding them is listed at the end of this book. These men wholeheartedly rejected the true Gospel; and, according to the Scriptures, because they chose to embrace and teach heresy they are suffering in Hell today and forever!

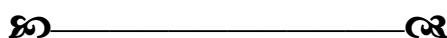
What God says to those who hate and corrupt His Word

- ☹️ What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: **thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.**
Deuteronomy 12:32 KJV
- ☹️ **Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed:** but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
Proverbs 13:13 KJV
- ☹️ And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth,** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 KJV
- ☹️ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life,** and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
Revelation 22:18-19 KJV
- ☹️ **Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.**
Proverbs 30:6 KJV
- ☹️ **A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.**
Proverbs 19:5 KJV
- ☹️ **...and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**
Revelation 21:8 KJV
- ☹️ **But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee... Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit... These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.**
Psalms 50:16-22 KJV
- ☹️ **Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.**
Psalms 52:3-5 KJV
- ☹️ **Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.**
Psalms 119:118 KJV
- ☹️ **As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity:** but peace shall be upon Israel.
Psalms 125:5 KJV
- ☹️ **But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;** When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. **Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:**
Proverbs 1:25-28 KJV

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:31 KJV

Chapter 12.



Side-Stepping the Truth

For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

Psalms 33:4 KJV

Did you know everything God does is done through the truth? Not one act of God is done apart from the truth; and there is nothing we receive from God that we do not receive through the truth. Considering the fact all of His works are done in truth, how paramount does this make the issue of whether or not what we accept as teachings and beliefs are actually founded upon the truth? It is vital to our eternal safety that we receive the truth of God's Word, and not be led aside unto beliefs which are full of error.

Many people think the best solution to differences in beliefs and doctrine is that in such cases people should just 'agree to disagree' and thereby keep the peace. But this pacifying attitude does nothing to correct the error in people's lives. I personally think the best solution is to diligently apply ourselves to find out what the truth is and then to walk in it! To what extent we are walking in the truth determines what we will receive from God. You cannot walk in a lie and expect it to bring to you the rewards of the truth. This is why Satan is so busy trying to steal the truth away from us and replace it with his subtle lies. Because he knows if he can keep you from getting a hold on a certain truth then you are not going to obtain the benefits that truth would have brought your way. If your beliefs on healing are messed up, you are not likely to receive healing. If your denomination tells you that you cannot be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, then you probably will not be. If your beliefs on how to obtain salvation are askew from God's true plan, then you are not going to experience eternal life!

The Body of Christ today needs to develop insight into the wiles of the enemy in perverting the truths of God in order to keep us from receiving the blessings that the true sayings of God are designed to bring our way. Each perversion of God's Word that Satan can get you to receive is one less truth that will cause you to receive God's blessings in this life through your faith; and enough error along certain lines could sadly someday cost you the salvation of your soul!

In this chapter we will look at some examples of how the Devil often steals the truth away by altering the text just enough to divert your reasoning someplace other than where God intended; and thereby keeping you from receiving the revelation which you should have.

➔ **James 5:16 K.J.V.** *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The **effectual fervent** prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

ASV: ...The **supplication** of a righteous man availeth much in its working.

NIV: ...The prayer of a righteous man is **powerful and effective**.

NWT: ...a righteous man's **supplication**... **has much force**.

P.B. The subject of this verse is prayer. ‘Supplication’ (ASV) is something else you would do in an effort to enhance (supplement) your prayers; for example: fasting. And although supplication is a good thing, it is not the focus of this Scripture. They have taken here a subtle side step around the truth!

To say ‘the prayer of a righteous man is **powerful and effective**’ (NIV) is not really an accurate statement. I am sure we have all heard some wishy-washy prayers that were *not* very powerful or effective for one reason or another. But as the true words of God declare, if a righteous man will pray a fervent prayer in an effective manner, then *that prayer* will avail much. Thank God for the power of **effectual fervent** prayer.

Proverbs 20:27 K.J.V. *The **spirit of man** is the **candle of the LORD**, searching all the inward parts of the belly.*

NIV: The **lamp of the Lord** searches the **spirit of a man**...

NLT: The Lord's **searchlight** penetrates the **human spirit**...

P.B. This Scripture reveals to us how God uses your conscience to search your inner man and tell Him the condition of your heart; but you won't learn that truth from these ‘new’ versions.

Ephesians 4:8 K.J.V. *Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, **he led captivity captive**, and gave gifts unto men.*

NASB: ...When He ascended on high, **He led captive a host of captives**, and He gave gifts to men.

NLT: ...When he ascended to the heights, **he led a crowd of captives** and gave gifts to his people.

NIV: ...ascended on high, he **led captives in his train**, and gave gifts to men. (**P.B.** In his train?)

NWT: ...ascended on high he **carried away captives**, he gave gifts in men.

P.B. Exactly what does the NASB mean by the phrase ‘**He led captive a host of captives**’? If they were still ‘captive’ then the Cross was a dismal failure. But, thank God, the Cross was not a failure but a glorious success! This phrase ‘**he led captivity captive**’ is a declaration of victory; that His people are now *freed from captivity*. But these altered verses give us a picture of Jesus leading forth a bunch of people who were still in bondage. That's what man's religion does; it brings upon you the mentality that we are just a bunch of ‘captives of sin’ following Jesus. But we are no longer in bondage to sin. I sure do thank God for the grace He has shown me; but friend please let me tell you I also rejoice greatly that: *...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (Romans 8:37 KJV)*

(By the way, what is with the NIV saying that Jesus gave some captives a ride **in his train**?)

Ephesians 4:9 K.J.V. *(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first **into the lower parts of the earth**?)*

NLT: ...says “he ascended.” This means that Christ first came down **to the lowly world in which we live**.

NIV: ...What does he ascended mean except that he also descended **to the lower earthly regions**.

P.B. I am pretty sure He descended a lot farther than ‘the lowly world’ in which we live!

Ephesians 4:10 K.J.V. *He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, **that he might fill all things.***)

P.B. The phrase '**that he might fill all things**' is referring to the fulfillment of prophesy. (...but the scriptures **must be fulfilled.** Mark 14:49)

NLT: The same one who came down is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, **so that his rule might fill the entire universe.** AMP: ...**the whole universe...**

P.B. Is He out conquering worlds and galaxies; or seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for those who believe on His name?

NIV: ...the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, **in order to fill the whole universe.**

P.B. I am sorry to have to inform you NIVers, but the Lord Jesus Christ has filled the whole universe since its creation. He is God.

Genesis 18:10 K.J.V. *And he said, I will certainly return unto thee **according to the time of life;** and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.*

NASB: ... return to you **at this time next year...** NIV: ...return to you **about this time next year...**
 NLT: ...About **this time next year I will return...** NWT:: ...return to you **next year at this time...**
 AMP: ...**when the season comes around...**

P.B. Talk about taking a detour around the truth! God was talking about restoring Abraham's ability to father children, not about returning to visit him again this time next year!

➔ **Matthew 5:22 K.J.V.** *But I say unto you, That **whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:** and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

NASB: But I say to you that **everyone who is angry with his brother** shall be guilty before the...
 NIV: But I tell you **that anyone who is angry with his brother** will be subject to judgment...
 NWT: **Everyone who continues wrathful with his brother** will be accountable...
 AMP: same omission!

P.B. When you delete the words '**without a cause**' from this verse in the Holy Scriptures you bring an accusation upon anyone who displays anger with his brother for *any* reason whatsoever. There are some instances when a righteous anger might be warranted, like maybe when Jesus used force (twice!) to remove the leaven from His house in preparation for the Passover! (John 2:13-17 and Mark 11:15-17)

Here we see this altered verse now becomes in the corrupted versions a means with which some could accuse Jesus of wrongdoing, for were there not times when He was truly angry with his brothers? But only when He had **a cause** to be.

1 Corinthians 14:38 K.J.V. ***But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.***

NLT+NASB: ...But if you do not **recognize this**, you will not **be recognized.**
 NIV: ...**If he ignores this**, he himself will **be ignored.**
 NRSV: not **recognize this** is not to be **recognized.** AMP: if anyone **disregards...** he **is disregarded.**

P.B. This is such a recurrent event in these 'modern' versions. They change the wording to make a statement that in no way is equal to what was written by inspiration.

Proverbs 16:3 K.J.V. *Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.*

NIV: Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and **your plans will succeed**.

NLT: Commit your work to the LORD, and then **your plans will succeed**.

NWT: Roll your works upon Jehovah himself, and **your plans will be firmly established**.

P.B. A giant step sideways! This verse has been altered into a false statement. Just because you declare something is committed to the Lord does not mean He has to place His stamp of approval upon your plans and cause that they would be a success. What if your plans are contrary to God's will for your life? Besides, we are not to live our lives according to our plans, but according to His.

A verse being altered like this could bring great discouragement upon someone who has sincerely dedicated a project to the Lord and had it fail miserably. They would view their failure as a lack of God fulfilling His promise to cause their plans to succeed. What this verse is really putting forth is that if you will commit your works to the Lord then He will be at work in you to **establish your thoughts**. Then as you live a life that is according to the will of the Father you will find success of an eternal nature. (*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Philippians 2:13 KJV*)

➔ **Romans 12:17 K.J.V.** *Recompense to no man evil for evil. **Provide things honest in the sight of all men.***

NASB: ...**Respect what is right in the sight of all men.**

NIV: ...**Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.**

P.B. There is a world of difference between conducting yourself in an **honest manner** to be seen by all men, and doing what is right in everyone else's eyes! Many things that are right in the sight of men are sinful in the sight of God. We could not possibly **do what is right in the eyes of everyone** and still live a life that was pleasing to God; such a people pleasing approach to life would defile us for sure!

The Lord is looking for men and women who will be more concerned about whether God approves of their words and actions - and less concerned if are they pleasing to man!

2 Timothy 3:3 K.J.V. *Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, **despisers of those that are good**.*

NKJV: ...unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, **despisers of good**...

NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...**haters of good**...

NLT: ...and **have no interest in what is good**.

NWT: ...**without love of goodness**.

P.B. Despising **people who are good** (persecution) is altered to just **despising good** in general.

Revelation 13:8 K.J.V. *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**.*

ASV: And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, (every one) whose **name hath not been written from the foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain.

NASB: All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose **name has not been written from the foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

P.B. This verse is subtly altered to side step the truth this Scripture is declaring; namely that Jesus Christ the Lamb of God was chosen **from the foundation of the world** to be slain for the sins of mankind. This alteration also gives place to the false teaching of 'predestination'.

Proverbs 21:4 K.J.V. *An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.*

NASB: Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The **lamp of the wicked** is sin.

NIV: Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the **lamp of the wicked**, are sin.

ASV: A high look, and a proud heart, (Even) the **lamp of the wicked**, is sin.

NWT: Haughty eyes and an arrogant heart, the **lamp of the wicked ones** are sin.

P.B. Here we see the rebuke that even the efforts (**plowing**) of the wicked are sinful is altered to now place the blame on an inanimate object (**lamp**). How about the table and chairs, are they sin also?

Luke 2:49 K.J.V. *And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*

NWT: ...Did you not know that I must be **in the house of my father**?

NLT: ...You should have known that I would be **in my Father's house**.

ASV: ...knew Ye not that I must be **in my Father's house**?

NRSV: ...**in my Father's house**?

NASB: ...that I had to be **in my Father's house**?

NIV: ...**In my Father's house**?

Romans 1:18 K.J.V. *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

NKJV: ... all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,

ASV: ...against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hinder the truth** in unrighteousness;

NLT: ...against all sinful, wicked people who **push the truth away** from themselves.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...**suppress the truth**...

AMP: ...**repress and hinder** the truth...

P.B. This verse of Scripture is not about suppressing, hindering, or pushing away the truth! The phrase '**hold the truth in unrighteousness**' is talking about knowing the truth and choosing to live in sin anyway. This verse is a warning that those who opt to live as hypocrites will face the wrath of God. The 'modern gospel', which teaches we never get beyond being 'just a filthy sinner' (hypocrite), has to alter this verse to refer to God's wrath coming upon those 'bad people' who suppress/hinder/push away the truth; instead of being about those who know better and yet choose to live in sin. The issue of hypocrisy has been sidestepped totally in these 'modern' versions.

Romans 9:28 K.J.V. *For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.*

NWT+ASV+NLT+NIV+NRSV+NASB: **OMIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS FROM THIS VERSE.**

1 Corinthians 2:4 K.J.V. *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

NIV: ...and my preaching were not with **wise and persuasive words**, but...

NRSV: ...were not with **plausible words of wisdom**...

NWT+ASV+NASB+AMP: ...**persuasive words of wisdom**...

P.B. This alteration side steps the rebuke of those who preach with 'enticing words of man's wisdom', and makes it sound like Paul was saying he didn't have *any* wisdom or persuasiveness in his words. Preaching with wise and persuasive words is fine as long as it is God's wisdom and not **man's**!

1 Corinthians 15:47 K.J.V. *The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.*

ASV+NASB: The first man is of the earth, earthy: **the second man is of heaven.**

NIV: ...**the second man from heaven.** NASB: ...**the second man is from heaven.**

NWT: ...**the second man is out of heaven.** AMP: DISCREDITS **THE LORD** WITH *ITALICS*

P.B. The Occultists and New-agers frequently teach from corrupted ‘new version’ Bible passages. They claim this one is referring to reincarnation. However, if you leave in ‘**the Lord**’ then they cannot twist that rendering out of this verse. Many Occultists and Satanists have been quoted as saying they prefer the ‘new’ translations, as they are more in line with their teaching and beliefs!

➔ **Revelation 13:10 K.J.V.** *He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

NIV: ...If anyone **is to go into captivity**, into captivity **he will go**. If anyone **is to be killed** with the sword, with the sword **he will be killed**.

NLT: ...The people who are **destined for prison** will be arrested and taken away. Those who **are destined** for death will **be killed**.

NWT: ..if anyone is **meant for captivity**, he goes away into captivity...

P.B. This verse is altered from a warning to avoid certain actions because of the consequences they will produce into a new-age sounding statement that also preaches the error of ‘predestination’.

Many strange and hindering doctrines have been taught on the subject of predestination, and some can be quite damaging to the walk of the believer. If you believe everything you will ever do is already predestined by the choice of God, then this is going to greatly affect the decisions you make in life. You are not going to put things in the proper perspective as to your accountability to God, and this could cause you to make some serious blunders. Prayer and faithfulness can greatly alter what comes your way in life!

Hebrews 6:2 K.J.V. *Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

NASB: ...**of instruction about washings**, and laying on... AMP: ...**teachings about purifying**...

P.B. I don’t know whose ‘studies’ produced these improvements, but their grade is a **F-** and a **⊗**.

Galatians 6:6-11 K.J.V. *6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. 11 Ye see **how large a letter** I have written unto you with mine own hand.*

NIV: ...See what **large letters I use** as I write to you with my own hand.

NLT: ...Notice what **large letters I** use as I write...

NWT+NKJV+ASV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...**large letters**...

P.B. Let’s put this phrase in context. In verse 6 Paul spoke of communicating (his letters?); and then in verses 8-10 he encouraged them to be sowing to the Spirit and not to get weary doing good to all, but especially believers. Then, in verse 11, he gives as an example of sowing to the Spirit and doing good: his *lengthy letter* of exhortation to them. It is ridiculous these ‘new’ versions have him interjecting an unrelated statement like, “Hey, you guys look at these great big letters I’m using!” into this passage.

➔ **Matthew 5:32 K.J.V.** *But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, **saving for the cause of fornication**, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.*

NKJV: ... divorces his wife for any reason except **sexual immorality** causes her to commit adultery;
 NLT: ...a man who divorces his wife, **unless she has been unfaithful**, causes her to commit adultery.
 NIV+AMP: ...**unfaithfulness**...

P.B. Contrary to the opinion of the 'modern' Church, **sexual immorality** and **marital unfaithfulness** are **not** accepted by God as grounds for divorcing your mate! This abominable teaching has crept into our churches and is taught from the pulpit as if it is the words of God Himself; but in reality, it is certainly not! If you look unto the true Scriptures you will see they say 'saving for the cause of *fornication*'. Fornication is the sinful act of having sexual intercourse while *not* in a covenant of marriage; and that is what Jesus is talking about here. If a young woman presented herself as a virgin to her prospective husband and he found on their wedding night she was not, but had been defiled by fornication, he could put her away. Because the marriage covenant had been entered into deceitfully it could be considered non-binding if the man so chose. To preach divorce and remarriage over adultery is acceptable to God is to preach a lie. Alterations in text like these are changing the doctrines of the Holy Bible!

Have you noticed how some modern preachers are so very fond of referring to the 'original language' in their sermons? They go on and on about the meaning of a word in the Greek or Hebrew to let us know that they are so scholarly, and much wiser than the mere layman is. But you are not likely to hear a 'liberal' refer to the Greek when preaching on this passage, because the underlying Greek word for the one in question is the word is *porneia* and it means **fornication!** They cannot honestly say it means adultery.

For you preachers who are given to referring to the 'original' languages I pose a question: When the angel appeared to Daniel and said, "*But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth*" (*Daniel 10:21 KJV*) - according to the angel the next 48 verses given to us by Daniel are from Scripture - but *where* do you think the Scripture of truth he was referring to was to be found; and just what language was it written in? Do you think maybe he was talking about 'the Word forever settled in Heaven'? Do you think they speak Greek or Hebrew in Heaven? Greek and Hebrew were not the original language of God's Word. The original language of the Scriptures is **Spirit!** (... *the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63 KJV*) It is the Spirit that quickens us to receive the truth of God's words; and He is just as able to do this in English today as He did in Greek in times long past. When preachers give the impression that only they - the Greek scholars in the pulpit - have the 'true Word of God' they are bringing a shroud of religious darkness upon the people, and encouraging a return to the error of Rome! Believers need a confidence they can study the Scriptures and, by the Spirit, faithfully be given their 'daily bread'.

God promised the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth, but many think they can better accomplish this through word studies in foreign languages! Why dwell on a Greek language that has been dead for 17 centuries when we can go back one step farther - to the author of the Scriptures: the Holy Spirit! God's truth is available to the common person regardless of their schooling (or lack thereof)

. We do not need 'scholars' telling us what words mean in other languages in order to 'know what the Bible really says'. No matter how simple or 'meaty' a matter might be, God is more than able to use the *English* language to effectively bring to us the fullness of what it is He wants to say. He is God, don't you know?

➔ **Matthew 19:9 K.J.V.** *...Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for **fornication**, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: **and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.***

NIV: ...**marital unfaithfulness**... NLT: ..**unfaithful**... NKJV+NASB: ...**immorality**...
 NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+NLT: THE FINAL SENTENCE OF VERSE IS **OMITTED** FROM TEXT.
 AMP: DISCREDITS FINAL SENTENCE OF VERSE WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. Again, we see God's Word altered to allow divorce and remarriage for **unfaithfulness** or **immorality!** There was a time when people knew better. This teaching is relatively new as far as Church

history goes. If we looked back even 30-40 years, we would see the ‘Body of Christ’ condemned divorce and remarriage over adultery as a sin against the holy standards of God. People who did this were looked upon as tainted by sin; not because of legalism or prejudice, but because the Church still had a hold on what the Bible really teaches about the covenant of marriage. This grip on the truth is being greatly loosened by the perverting of God’s Word today in the ‘modern’ bible translations.

People in the Church of God used to freely accept as truth the fact that a man and woman are joined by the marriage covenant as long as they both are living. *The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.* (1 Corinthians 7:39 KJV) This is what the Bible says; but modern religious opinion disagrees!

When you consider the fact the Bible teaches no adulterers shall inherit the kingdom of God, the words of Jesus saying, “Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for **fornication**, and shall marry another, **committeth adultery**” become quite a thorn in the side of the ones who have done such. But in the ‘modern’ gospel the thorn is removed, and the pain to the conscience subsides, with changes like this one now promoting liberal-minded preaching which *allows* this thing that God *forbids*.

And to add additional fodder to this unholy fire of divorce and remarriage sweeping our nation many versions omit the last sentence of the verse above that condemns marrying a divorced woman as an act of adultery! What does the Scripture say about this? *And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.* (1 Corinthians 7:10-11 KJV) Notice that even though they are *divorced* from one another the Word of God still calls him **her husband**! This is because the marriage covenant binds the couple as man and wife for as long as they are both alive; whether or not they are living together in the same house (or even the same state for that matter).

We should be very careful what we teach and preach on the subject of divorce and remarriage. Those who counsel folks to enter into relationships which are outside of the will of God will be just as accountable for the adultery as the ones committing it. What a horrible thing it would be to have spent a lifetime counseling people according to the mistaken ideas of modern opinion, and then stand before God as an unfaithful witness of His holy standards! The concept of marriage was given to teach us about our relationship with God as believers. We should prayerfully and reverently safeguard this institution.

A fearful affair it is to see these passages on marriage in the Bible that are either altered or thrown to the wind in these ‘new’ translations; fostering the liberal mentality behind these ‘modern’ teachings allowing people to move from one mate to another with little worry of God’s displeasure. All of this God sees; and He will judge this matter according to the truth of His Word with little regard to man’s opinion.

Hebrews 12:13 K.J.V. *And make **straight paths** for your feet, lest that which is lame be **turned out of the way**; but let it rather be healed.*

NKJV: ...straight paths for your feet, **so that what is lame may not be dislocated**, but rather be healed.

NIV: ...Make **level** paths for your feet, so that **the lame may not be disabled**, but rather be healed.

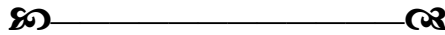
NASB+AMP: ...**so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint**, but rather let it be healed.

NWT: ...that **what is lame may not be put out of joint**, but rather let it be healed.

P.B. In reading this section of the book of Hebrews, if we back up a few verses we see that the subject matter is dealing with sin, and the consequences it brings. In the allegory used in verse 13, the phrase ‘lest that which is lame be **turned out of the way**’ is a warning to those who will not submit to the correction of God. (*But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.* Hebrews 12:8 KJV)

Sin cripples us, but we are healed when we repent and let God have His way in us. Looking now at the ‘adjustment’ made in these ‘new’ versions - there is no warning about being ‘turned out of the way’; only an image of cripples with their limbs out of joint traveling along the path. Once again, the ‘modern gospel’ portrays a picture of the disobedient (lame) as on the road to glory instead of raising up a standard of holiness. Also a ‘level path’ (NIV) need not necessarily be a **straight** one.

Chapter 13.



What's in a Word?

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth:

Isaiah 55:11 KJV

The words of God are trustworthy and unchanging. You can use them for a sure foundation to rest your eternal future upon. His Word is true without fail, and will never let you down. How great it is to have a Bible we can trust in to teach us the things of God! But Satan hates the fact God's children trust in what the Bible says, and hopes to steal away our confidence in God's Word by corrupting it.

Because of 'derivative copyright' laws (discussed earlier), each 'new' version must contain a significant difference in textual content from others already in existence or they could not obtain their copyright to market and profit from their version. In their struggle to find words to use in their translation different from those already used in others, they stray farther and farther from the truth of the Scriptures. This is a trend that can only worsen with the passage of time, and with an increase in the number of versions.

God says His words are the words that have gone forth out of His mouth. If you change those words God has spoken into other words with differing meanings then you no longer have the right to call them the Word of God. We see this twisting and altering of words and meanings coming at us in a steady stream as we try to make sense out of these 'new' bible versions.

➔ *Numbers 4:6 K.J.V. And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof.*

NASB+AMP: ...and they shall lay a covering of porpoise skin on it...

NIV: ...they are to cover this with hides of sea cows...

NLT: ...they must cover the inner curtain with fine goatskin leather...

NWT+ASV: ...and shall put thereon a covering of sealskin...

A. badger

B. porpoise

C. sea cow

D. goat

E. seal

P.B. What did God say this covering for the 'Ark of the Covenant' was to be made of? Unbelievably, these are all different versions of the same verse! Can all five of these varying phrases be the Word of God? It seems to me like they are changing the 'word settled in heaven' to a multiple choice here on earth; just pick and choose what you want it to say! (*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalms 119:89 KJV*) Also, where did they find *sea creatures* out in the wilderness?

Genesis 2:6 K.J.V. *But there went up a **mist** from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.*

NIV: But **streams** came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

NRSV: but **a stream** would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground.

P.B. If **streams** were coming up from the earth and ‘watering the whole face of the ground’, this would be a flood! Where were Adam and his wife while all of this was going on, up a tree? No, there was no need for them to climb a tree, for a **mist** came up from the earth and watered the ground.

Genesis 2:15 K.J.V. *And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to **dress** it and to keep it.*

NWT+NASB: ...and put him in the garden to **cultivate** it and...

NRSV: ...and put him in the garden to **till** it and to keep it.

P.B. These versions incorrectly state God put Adam in the garden to ‘cultivate’ or ‘till’ the ground. **Cultivation** of the ground is preparing it for the planting of seed by breaking up the hardness of the soil and removing weeds that would hinder the growth of what was being planted. These things were not necessary for Adam to do until after the fall, and man had been expelled from the garden. God Himself planted the Garden of Eden, and all Adam was required to do was to **dress** it and to keep it.

James 4:14 K.J.V. *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. **For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.***

ASV: ...For **Ye are a vapor**, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

NWT: ...For **you are a mist** appearing for a while then disappearing.

AMP: ...**You are [really] but a wisp of vapor**...

P.B. A person’s **life here on earth** is so short in comparison to eternity that it does seem rather like a wisp of steam that quickly dissipates. However, to say **you are a vapor** that is only around for a short time is quite incorrect. Man is an eternal being. God made man in His own image; God is an eternal spirit, and so is man. You are going to be around forever. The question is where will you be, enjoying eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, or suffering eternal death because of sin and unbelief?

Proverbs 13:7 K.J.V. *There is that **maketh himself** rich, yet hath nothing: there is that **maketh himself** poor, yet hath great riches.*

NASB: ...who **pretends to be** rich, but has nothing. Another **pretends to be** poor, but has great wealth.

NIV: One **pretends to be** rich, yet has nothing; another **pretends to be** poor, yet has great wealth.

NLT: Some who are **poor pretend to be rich**; others who are **rich pretend to be poor**.

NWT: ...**pretends**...

P.B. Although there is a similarity in the sentence structure of the ‘new’ versions’ treatment of this verse, that is all that is similar! The truth of this verse is lost through its sad alteration of text. This verse is talking about the eternal consequences of *greed* and *generosity*, not about someone who is pretending to be something they are not.

Luke 4:44 K.J.V. *And he preached in the synagogues of **Galilee**.*

NLT: So he continued to travel around, preaching in **synagogues throughout Judea**.

NASB+NWT+NRSV+NIV: ...**synagogues of Judea**.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 K.J.V. *As thou knowest not what is **the way of the spirit**, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.*

NASB: Just as you do not know **the path of the wind** and how bones are formed in the womb...

NIV: As you do not know **the path of the wind**, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb...

NKJV+AMP: As you do not know what is the **way of the wind**,...

P.B. Are these 'modern' versions equating a temporal phenomenon (wind) as being synonymous with a living being (spirit)? This is a belief quite common among not only the Native American religions, but also among those following the religions of the 'new-age'.

Matthew 4:24 K.J.V. *And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were **lunatic**, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*

NASB: ...those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, **epileptics**, paralytics...

NIV: ...those suffering severe pain, the demon possessed, those **having seizures**, and the paralyzed...

NLT: ...and pain, or if they were possessed by demons, or were **epileptics**, or were paralyzed...

NWT+ASV+AMP: ... **epileptic**

P.B. This verse tells us not only did Jesus heal physical infirmities, but also those who were suffering from mental disease. For some reason these versions cast aside this testimony of the healing of those which were **lunatic**, and replace it with **epilepsy**. Maybe those translators did not believe Jesus could heal mental illness; but I believe that with God all things are possible!

Daniel 9:27 K.J.V. *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the **overspreading of abominations** he shall make it desolate, even until **the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.***

NASB+AMP: ...and on the **wing of abominations** will come one...

NIV: ...and on a **wing of the temple** he will set up an abomination...

P.B. Are we reading about an overspreading of abominations, a bird named Abominations, or remodeling a wing of the temple? With such a lack of agreement in text, how could anyone ever hope to unravel the mysteries of the end-time prophecies concerning the final seven years and the reign of the Antichrist? On the other hand, maybe some-One does not want us to see him coming.

NASB: ...is poured out on the **one who makes desolate**.

AMP: ...is poured out on **the desolator**.

NIV: ...that is decreed is poured out **on him**.

P.B. Upon whom is 'the consummation, and that determined' poured out? Is it poured out on the 'desolate', or the '**one who makes desolate**'? Or should we all just emptymindedly go along with the NIV's usual generic non-description (**him**) and not worry about it?

The Biblical prophecies concerning the end time are difficult enough to decipher without them being marred by the natural wisdom of man. There is a kind of flow of insight, or ribbon of understanding, that weaves it's way through the prophecies of the Scripture. It is beyond our comprehension how complex and intricate a system God has built into His Word to reveal the mysteries of the end-times to us. It took the abilities of Almighty God to place the awesome complexity these prophecies within the Bible. But when you get the geniuses of 'textual criticism' at work on this issue we can only expect to be assaulted by the cloud of confusion that always results from carnal man tampering with words of Divine origin.

Mark 9:18 K.J.V. *And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.*

NASB: ...foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and **stiffens out**. I told your disciples to cast it out...
NIV+NRSV+NKJV+NLT: ... **becomes rigid**.

P.B. Pineth away: to wither away slowly.

➔ **Mark 1:10 K.J.V.** *And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:*

NIV: ...of the water, he saw **heaven being torn open**... AMP: ...he [John] saw the heavens **torn open**...

P.B. Where did they come up with the notion he saw heaven being **torn open**?

Mark 6:20 K.J.V. *For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.*

NASB: ...And when he heard him, **he was very perplexed**; but he used to enjoy listening to him.

NIV: ...When Herod heard John, **he was greatly puzzled**, yet he liked to listen to him.

NRSV: ...he was **greatly perplexed**... ASV+AMP: ...he was **much perplexed**...

P.B. The Scriptures tell us when Herod heard John preach he observed what he said, and it provoked him to **do many things** in response to what he heard. These versions cast away this testimony, and now tell us Herod was **greatly puzzled and perplexed** by what he heard John preach.

John 1:18 K.J.V. *No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

NASB: ...who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has explained Him**.

NWT: ...**he has explained him**.

P.B. Jesus Christ did not come to **explain** God to us; He came to **declare** Him.

➔ **Ephesians 5:9 K.J.V.** *(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)*

ASV: (for the **fruit of the light** is in all goodness and righteousness and truth)...

NLT: For **this light within** you... NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...the **fruit of the light**...

P.B. Most of the Gnostics, Occultists, and New-agers speak about '**the light within you**', but they are not talking about the Spirit of God referred to in this verse. Gnosticism is a false religion which teaches that from birth all men and women have within them a 'divine spark' (or light) that grows with 'enlightened teaching' - to the end that eventually with enough 'illuminated wisdom' this light within you will develop into such an exalted state that in eternity *you will be a god!* The influence of Gnostic teachings is evident in the preaching of many who are from the 'Manifest Sons of God' and/or 'Man-child' circles. Although the Scriptures do teach of the maturing of a corporate Body of Christ, many have strayed into dangerous error, evidenced by the way these teachings are becoming more and more man exalting, and less and less Christ exalting. Some even declaring that they are Christ (anointed one) and not merely His body. I recently heard a 'Christian' minister preach that we should stop praying to a God who was "out there somewhere" and start praying to the 'light' within! Yes, God does dwell within me by the presence of His Holy Spirit, but I think I'll stay with the advice of Jesus and pray, in His name, to 'Our Father which art in Heaven'!

Hebrews 11:1 K.J.V. Now faith is **the substance of things hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

NIV: Now faith is **being sure of what we hope for**... AMP: ...**the assurance** of the things we hope...

P.B. This alteration is an improper description of what faith is! There have been times in my life I been quite **sure of what I was hoping for**, only to find out later it was not faith I was walking in, but presumption! But there have been other times I believed God for something when faith was there so strong and real it nearly seemed a tangible **substance**.

1 Samuel 8:16 K.J.V. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and **your goodliest young men**, and your asses, and put them to his work.

NLT: ...your male and female slaves and demand **the finest of your cattle** and donkeys for his own use.

NRSV+NIV+AMP: ...**cattle**...

P.B. The phrase ‘your goodliest young men’ is changed to now read ‘the finest of your cattle’.

1 Samuel 5:6 K.J.V. But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with **emerods**, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

NLT: ...the LORD began to afflict the people of Ashdod and the nearby villages with a plague of **tumors**.

NKJV: ...and He ravaged them and struck them with **tumors**, both Ashdod and its territory.

ASV+NRSV+NIV+NASB: ...**tumors**... AMP: ...**tumors or boils**...

P.B. **Emerods** are not **tumors**; they are *hemorrhoids*! Although the subject of hemorrhoids is not an entirely desirable topic of conversation, the word should not have been changed to ‘tumors’.

➔ **2 Samuel 17:25 K.J.V.** And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was **Ithra an Israelite**, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.

NLT: Absalom had appointed Amasa as commander of his army, replacing Joab, who had been commander under David. (Amasa was Joab's cousin. His father was **Jether, an Ishmaelite**. His mother...

NRSV+AMP: ...**Ithra the Ishmaelite**...

NIV: ...**Jether an Israelite**...

P.B. Just who was this guy anyway? Was he **Ithra** or **Jether**; and was he an **Israelite** or an **Ishmaelite**? (There is somewhat of a difference between an Israelite and an Ishmaelite, don't you agree?)

2 Kings 1:8 K.J.V. And they answered him, He was **an hairy man**, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

NIV: They replied, “He was a man with **a garment of hair** and with a leather belt around his waist.”

NWT: ...a man with **a hair garment**, with a leather belt...

P.B. Here Elijah is changed from being a **hairy man**, to a man wearing a **garment of hair**! It is no wonder that so many preach with no conviction as to the validity of the Scriptures. To so many it has become just a religious book to give us inspiration and uplifting. When is the last time you heard someone declare from the pulpit that God's Word is absolutely trustworthy and unchanging? That if the Bible says something you can stake your life upon the truthfulness of it? We need to hear that kind of preaching!

Nehemiah 2:13 K.J.V. And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before **the dragon well**, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

NKJV: And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the **Serpent Well** and the Refuse Gate...
 NLT+NIV: ... past the **Jackal's Well**... ASV: ...toward **the jackal's well**...

A. Dragon B. Serpent C. Jackal

P.B. Another of the many 'multiple choice' dilemmas that these 'modern' versions give us.

Isaiah 9:20 K.J.V. And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of **his own arm**:

NLT: They fight against their own neighbors to steal food, but they will still be hungry. In the end they will even eat **their own children**.

NRSV: ...**own kindred**... NIV: ...**own offspring**...

Habakkuk 1:11 K.J.V. Then shall **his mind change**, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.

ASV: Then shall he **sweep by (as) a wind**, and shall pass over, and be guilty...

NLT: They **sweep past like the wind** and are gone...

AMP: Then they **sweep by like a wind**...

NWT: ...wind...

P.B. Someone **changing his mind** is altered instead to him **sweeping by like a gust of wind**?

➔ **Zechariah 6:5 K.J.V.** And the angel answered and said unto me, These are **the four spirits** of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

ASV: These are **the four winds** of heaven, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

NRSV: These are **the four winds** of heaven going out, after presenting themselves before the Lord...

AMP: These are the **four winds** or spirits of the heavens...

P.B. Are the north, south, east, and west **winds** now to be considered living spirits that they can go and appear before God? How about earth, fire, and water; are they sentient also? This is more of that business of equating the elements as being a *living* part of God's creation that is manifest in most Native American and New-age religions. This error should be shunned by those who are truly Bible believing.

Revelation 1:5 K.J.V. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us** from our sins in his own blood,

NLT+NIV+NRSV: ...to him who loves us and has **freed us** from our sins...

NWT+ASV: ...Unto him that loveth us, and **loosed us** from our sins...

NASB: ...To Him who loves us and **released us** from our sins...

AMP: ...and has once [for all] **loosed and freed** us from our sins...

P.B. God accomplishes more than setting us free from our sins with the Blood of Jesus; He also cleanses us from all unrighteousness by **washing us** from our sins.

Chapter 14.



Eclipsing the Son

...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come.....**He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.**
John 16:13-14 KJV

One of the most outstanding characteristics of the Holy Spirit is found in His relentless efforts to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ. This is evidenced throughout the Bible, as well as in all preaching that is truly anointed by the Spirit of God. Whenever the Holy Spirit has opportunity He will glorify and lift up the Lord Jesus in whatever fashion available; He will never miss an occasion to do so. This same 'Jesus exalting' Holy Spirit penned the true Scriptures through the hands of holy men of God.

While the true sayings of God exalt Jesus, we see the alterations of Scripture found in the 'new' translations frequently do just the opposite. They quite often detract from or entirely delete verses that lift up Christ and glorify Him. Titles of His are commonly changed to one of a lesser station; and words that are capitalized to indicate His deity are frequently 'demoted' by the removal of the capitalization.

I heard a brother comment once that the 'modern' bible versions are probably the only 'rewrite' in history to bring about such a grievous diminishing effect upon the main character of the book. I wholeheartedly agree. Any other rewrite to do such a thing would never make it past the editor, let alone to the bookstore! We should view the demoting and diminishing nature of these alterations concerning the Lord Jesus Christ as evidence that they are *not* a product of the workings of the Holy Spirit.

➔ **Luke 2:40 K.J.V.** *And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.*

NLT: ...the child grew up **healthy and strong**... ASV: ...the child grew, and **waxed strong**...
 NASB: ...child continued to **grow and become strong**... NIV: ...the child **grew and became strong**...
 NWT: ...continued **growing and getting strong**... AMP: DISCREDITS **IN SPIRIT** WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. Here we see a frequent occurrence in these counterfeits of Scripture. A subtle change is used to shift the focus from the *spiritual* to the *natural*. A reference to the spiritual progress of the young child Jesus is altered to be one about His health and physical strength. (*He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. Psalms 147:10-11 KJV*)

➔ **Isaiah 14:12 K.J.V.** *How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

NIV ...fallen from heaven, **O morning star**, son of the dawn!

NASB ...fallen from heaven, **O star of the morning**, son of the dawn!

NRSV ...How you are fallen from heaven, **O Day Star**, son of Dawn!

ASV+AMP: ...**day-star**...

P.B. Of all of the perversions of God's Word which have been thrust upon the world through the 'modern' translations this is without a doubt one of the most grievous. This reference to the enemy of our souls, the Devil, has been omitted. You will not find the name **Lucifer** in these 'new' versions. The name Lucifer has been changed to the phrase '**O morning star**' or '**O day star**', both of which are titles of the Lord Jesus Christ! (see 2 Peter 1:19 and Revelation 22:16) This is a horrible perversion of God's Word!

Some try to sidestep this issue by saying this passage is not about Satan but only some king of long ago. Well fine, if you want to deny the passage is about the Devil go ahead, but how do you get around the change to a title that the Scriptures use to refer to Jesus? Read the entire chapter; does this describe the Lord Jesus in *any* fashion? In addition, the word **star** does not occur in the underlying Hebrew text; the change is unwarranted, and this passage *is* a prophetic depiction of the fall of **Lucifer** the Devil!

Revelation 16:5 K.J.V. *And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, **and shalt be**, because thou hast judged thus.*

NWT+NLT+ASV+NRSV+NIV+NASB+AMP: **OMIT WORDS 'AND SHALT BE' FROM VERSE.**

Revelation 11:17 K.J.V. *Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, **and art to come**; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NRSV+NIV+NASB+AMP: **OMIT 'AND ART TO COME' FROM VERSE.**

Isaiah 53:11 K.J.V. *He shall see of the travail of his soul, **and shall be satisfied**: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

NIV: After the suffering of his soul, he will **see the light of life** and be satisfied...

P.B. The Lord Jesus Christ did not need to *see* the light of life; He *is* the light of life!

➔ **Daniel 3:25 K.J.V.** *He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like **the Son of God**.*

NWT: ...and the appearance of the fourth one is resembling **a son of the gods**.

NASB: ...without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like **a son of the gods**.

NIV: ...unharmd, and the fourth looks like **a son of the gods**.

NLT: ...aren't even hurt by the flames! And the fourth looks like **a divine being!**"

ASV+AMP: ... **a son of the gods**.

P.B. And the appearance of the fourth looks like **a son of the gods**? Tell me now, just *who* was that fourth man in the fire? Was it Hercules? Or was it maybe Superman? No, it was not a son of the gods; it was Jesus Christ **the Son of God** in that fiery furnace with those faithful ones.

If changes like this don't raise some kind of an alarm down in your spirit, I think you should go back to the Cross, and make sure you got what God intended. Alterations like this are no accident - they are deliberate, calculated, Satanic attacks on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Daniel 7:13 K.J.V. *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.*

NWT: ...someone like a son of man happened to be coming...

NIV: ...and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven...

NRSV: ...I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven...

NLT: ... I saw someone who looked like a man coming with the clouds of heaven...

ASV: ...came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man...

P.B. Here we see a title of deity, the Son of man, diminished to a son, a man or a human being.

Revelation 1:13 K.J.V. *And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*

ASV: ...and in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto a son of man, clothed with a garment...

NIV: ...a son of man... NASB: ...a son of man... NWT: ...a son of man...

P.B. Once again, an indication of Christ's deity is removed from these 'new' versions.

Revelation 14:14 K.J.V. *And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.*

ASV: ...on the cloud (I saw) one sitting like unto a son of man, having on his head a golden crown...

NASB: ...And sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown...

NWT+NIV: ... a son of man...

John 16:16 K.J.V. *A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.*

NWT+NRSV+NIV+NLT+NASB+ASV+AMP: ALL OMIT UNDERLINED WORDS FROM VERSE.

P.B. This deleted phrase is a reference to the ascension of Christ! This is an important doctrine of our faith, and ought not to be tampered with. It is so easy for those who study and preach from the 'new' versions to read right past these omissions and not even know what has been removed. They have no idea that *many hundreds* of times words, phrases, or even entire verses have been stolen away.

➔ **1 Timothy 3:16 K.J.V.** *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

ASV: ...mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit...

NLT: ...mystery of our faith: Christ appeared in the flesh and was shown to be righteous by the...

NASB+NRSV+NIV+NWT: ...He ... AMP: GOD DISCREDITED WITH [BRACKETS].

P.B. In this example, we see another important doctrinal statement is stolen away from the readers of these 'modern' translations. The statement 'God was manifest in the flesh' is declaring Jesus Christ *is* God, for Jesus is the one who was manifested. All of these 'new' versions alter this verse to the point it no longer declares the deity of Christ; they only say *He* appeared in the flesh. Big deal, so did you and I; but to say God was manifest in the flesh, now we have a statement that declares Christ's deity!

Doctrinal statements such as this are vital to receiving a proper concept of who Jesus Christ is. The Jehovah Witnesses are fine with how this verse is worded in the new versions - but not with the KJV!

Acts 3:13 K.J.V. *The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified **his Son Jesus**; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.*

NRSV+NIV+NASB+NLT: **his servant Jesus**... NWT+NKJV+ASV ...**his Servant Jesus**...

P.B. Why in this passage is **his Son Jesus** altered to **his servant Jesus**? Why do these new versions feel the need to continually demote the station of Christ? We notice that so many times the word ‘Son’ is omitted through the changes made to the text of the modern bibles. This can only be a deliberate move designed to alter what concept the reader develops about who Jesus is. (*But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him **the form** of a servant... Philippians 2:7 KJV*) (*Wherefore thou **art no more a servant, but a son**; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Galatians 4:7 KJV*)

Acts 3:26 K.J.V. *Unto you first God, having raised up **his Son Jesus**, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.*

NRSV+NIV+NASB+NLT: ...**his servant Jesus**... NWT+NKJV+ASV: ...**his Servant Jesus**...

Acts 4:27 K.J.V. *For of a truth against thy **holy child Jesus**, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,*

NKJV+ASV: ...**holy Servant Jesus**... NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...**holy servant Jesus**...

Luke 4:5 K.J.V. *And the devil, **taking him up** into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*

ASV: **And he led him up**, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

NIV: **The devil led him up** to a high place...

NRSV: Then **the devil led him up** and in an instant...

P.B. Here, in these ‘modern’ versions, we have Jesus supposedly *following* Satan! I don’t know about you, but I don’t think the Devil ever **led** Jesus anywhere.

John 8:35 K.J.V. *And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but **the Son** abideth ever.*

NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...**the son**... NIV: ...**a son**...

➔ **Zechariah 13:6 K.J.V.** *And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds **in thine hands**? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.*

NASB: And one will say to him, “What are these wounds **between your arms**?” Then he will say...

NIV: If someone asks him, “What are these wounds **on your body**?” he will answer...

NRSV: And if anyone asks them, “What are these wounds **on your chest**?” the answer will be...

NLT: And if someone asks, “Then what are those **scars on your chest**?” he will say...

AMP: What are these wounds **on your breast** or **between your hands**...

P.B. This is another of the bizarre changes we see in these ‘modern’ versions that are pushed upon us with no possible explanation in sight. It seems like they are content to place these wounds that Jesus suffered anywhere but where the true sayings of God rightly place them: **in His hands!**

This is without a doubt a reference to the wounds Jesus received being nailed to the Cross, but from reading these ‘improved’ versions you would not get that impression.

Matthew 15:25 K.J.V. Then came she and **worshipped him**, saying, Lord, help me.

NASB: But she came and began to **bow down before** Him, saying, “Lord help me!”

NIV: The woman came and **knelt before** him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

NRSV: But she came and **knelt before** him, saying, “Lord help me.”

NWT: She began **doing obeisance** to him...

P.B. Only God can be rightfully worshipped; and the fact Jesus accepted worship is in itself a declaration of deity on His part. Often these ‘new’ versions change the word ‘**worshipped**’ to a phrase that does not necessarily indicate worship. In Japan, people bow to one another constantly; and in many nations the lower class show respect to the royalty by bowing or kneeling. All of this can be done apart from what would be considered worship. This alteration is a serious assault on the record of the life of Jesus.

Matthew 9:18 K.J.V. While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and **worshipped him**, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

NASB: ...a synagogue official came and **bowed down** before Him, and said...

NIV: ...a ruler came and **knelt before him** and said...

NLT: ...the leader of a synagogue came and **knelt down** before him...

NWT: ...began **doing obeisance** to him saying...

P.B. Many apostate preachers today do not believe the Jesus who walked upon this earth was truly God, and would welcome the deletion of the accounts in the Bible of Him being worshipped.

Matthew 8:2 K.J.V. And, behold, there came a leper and **worshipped him**, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

NWT: ...a leprous man came up and **began doing** obeisance to him saying...

NASB: And a leper came to Him and **bowed down** before him, and said “Lord if you are willing...

NIV+NRSV: **knelt before** him ...

➔ *Romans 14:10 + 12 K.J.V.* But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before **the judgment seat of Christ**.....So then every one of us shall give account of himself **to God**.

NIV: ...For we will all stand before **God’s judgment seat**.

NWT+ASV+NASB+NRSV: ...for we shall all stand before **the judgment-seat of God**.

NLT+AMP: ...**the judgment seat of God**.

P.B. The fact that in this passage of Scripture verse 10 mentions ‘**the judgment seat of Christ**’ and then verse 12 tells us we shall give an account **to God**, amounts to a declaration that **Christ is God**. Sadly, this truth no longer comes forth in these ‘new’ versions but is obscured by this change of text.

Those who refuse to believe that Jesus is God manifest in the flesh do not believe they will stand before him in judgment. This passage of Scripture clearly teaches man will give an account to Christ - if it left unmolested to speak what God intended.

Hebrews 2:7 K.J.V. Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, **and didst set him over the works of thy hands**:

NLT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: THE LAST PORTION IS **OMITTED** OR **DISCREDITED** IN THESE.

Matthew 8:18 K.J.V. Now when Jesus saw **great multitudes** about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

NIV: When Jesus saw **the crowd** around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side.

NWT+NASB: Now when Jesus saw **a crowd** around Him He gave...

P.B. A description of Jesus seeing ‘great multitudes’ around Him is changed to now say He saw merely ‘a crowd’. This is only one of a number of verses where the ‘new’ translations for some reason greatly down-play the vast amount of people who constantly flocked to see Jesus.

John 1:38 K.J.V. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, **being interpreted, Master.**) where dwellest thou?

NLT: ...**(which means Teacher)**... NKJV: ...(which is to say, **when translated, Teacher**)...

ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+NWT+AMP: ...**Teacher**...

P.B. Repeatedly in the ‘moderns’ we see the omission of the word Master. Anyone who has studied the New-age religions knows the ‘children of the new age’ are not waiting for a Master, but a great Teacher; and in the ‘new-age’ gospel Jesus is no longer referred to as ‘**Master**’, but now He is demoted to the lesser title of ‘**Teacher**’. In some of the ‘new-age’ versions - NIV for example - this change demoting Jesus Christ from the Master to a Teacher occurs *nearly fifty times!*

Matthew 8:19 K.J.V. And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, **Master**, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

NASB: Then a scribe came and said, “**Teacher**, I will follow You wherever You go.”

NIV: Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “**Teacher**, I will follow you wherever you go.”

NLT: ...said to him, “**Teacher**, I will follow you no matter where you go!”

NKJV: ...**Teacher**, I will follow You wherever You go.”

ASV: ...**Teacher**, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

NWT: ...**Teacher**...

P.B. With all of the demotions they are giving Jesus, I wonder if He is in danger of losing His job? How long before the ‘new international’ Church comes right out and says, “I’m so sorry Jesus, but I’m afraid that we’re just going to have to let you go. What? Why yes, we have found some-One to replace you, and he does a much better job of fitting in; because, you see, we are looking for a **Teacher** not a **Master**.”

John 13:23 K.J.V. Now there was **leaning on Jesus’ bosom** one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

NIV+NRSV: One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was **reclining next to him**.

NLT: One of Jesus’ disciples, the one Jesus loved, was **sitting next to Jesus** at the table.

P.B. Here we see another of the *many* alterations that make the Gospel seem a lot less personal. A great insight into the intimate companionship Jesus had with the twelve disciples is lost to us through this change in text. Do you not wonder what state of mind (or heart) would feel the need to make a change like this so the verse no longer describes John leaning against the bosom of Jesus?

Romans 16:18 K.J.V. For they that are such serve not our Lord **Jesus** Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

NWT+NLT+ASV+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ALL **OMIT** THE NAME OF ‘**JESUS**’ FROM VERSE.

➔ **Matthew 8:29 K.J.V.** *And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?*

NASB: ...they cried out saying, “What business do we have with each other, Son of God?”...

NIV: ...“What do you want with us, Son of God?”, they shouted...

NRSV: Suddenly they shouted, “What have you to do with us, Son of God?”...

NWT: They screamed saying, “What have we to do with you Son of God?” ...

P.B. The name of Jesus is omitted in these ‘modern’ versions from this and many other verses of Scripture. His precious name is to be honored and respected, not callously tossed aside at the whim of some apostate translator. A thorough study on the subject of the error of these ‘new’ translations would include an examination of the lives, and beliefs, of two men named B. F. Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort. These two were primarily responsible for bringing forth the ‘Revised Greek Text’ of the 1880’s which is the major influence behind of all of these errors in the ‘modern’ bibles. Not only did they use flawed and altered documents (chiefly Sinaiticus and Vaticanus), they did not even hold to those which they were using, but made further deviations at their own choosing. An inquiry into beliefs of these ‘translators’ and a scrutiny of the deficient manuscripts which they held so dear would be an eye-opener to say the least!

Acts 9:29 K.J.V. *And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.*

NWT+ASV+NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE NAME OF ‘JESUS’ FROM THIS VERSE.

2 Corinthians 4:6 K.J.V. *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

NASB+NIV+NWT: ALL OMIT THE NAME OF ‘JESUS’ FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. In all honesty, one must report that while all of these ‘new’ versions omit the name of Jesus in so many places, many of them insert His name in a number of places where the A.V. does not. But contrary to this being a redemptive act on the part of these ‘new’ bibles, it now makes them guilty of not only *taking away* from the Scriptures but also *adding to them*; both of which are condemned by the Lord! God penned the Holy Writ in the fashion that He chose, placing words and phrases where they would bring forth the understanding that He desired for us to receive. It is not given to man to correct the writings of our God. Only a satanic pride could bring someone to the point of assuming they could do so.

2 Timothy 4:22 K.J.V. *The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: OMIT THE WORDS ‘JESUS CHRIST’ FROM VERSE.

Ephesians 3:9 K.J.V. *And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT OR DISCREDIT ‘BY JESUS CHRIST’.

P.B. There are a good many people who do not believe God created all things **by Jesus Christ**; they believe Jesus is a part of God’s creation, some of them even claiming He is an angelic being who is like an equal or a brother to Satan. This verse of Scripture eliminates the possibility of such nonsense; but we see in these ‘new’ versions the verse is altered to no longer speak out against this error.

Notice the new bibles following the same corruption as that found in the Jehovah Witness - New World Translation. This fact in itself should be grounds for great concern to those who love the truth.

Romans 1:3 K.J.V. Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

NWT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT WORDS 'JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD'.

Ephesians 3:14 K.J.V. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

NRSV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NLT+ASV: OMIT THE WORDS 'OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST'.

Matthew 12:6 K.J.V. But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

NASB: But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.

NRSV+AMP: ...something greater...

P.B. In this example, and the one following, we see once again where a reference to the Lord Jesus is altered to now become a reference to an inanimate object.

Matthew 12:42 K.J.V. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

NASB: ...and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

NRSV: ...and see, something greater than Solomon is here!

NWT: ...something more than Solomon...

Hebrews 7:21 K.J.V. (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord swore and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.)

NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS FROM THIS VERSE.

➔ **Revelation 12:17 K.J.V.** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

NWT+NRSV+NIV+NASB+NLT+ASV: ALL OMIT THE TITLE 'CHRIST' FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. In this and the following examples, we see that 'Christ' is often removed from the text of the 'modern' versions. To remove 'Christ' from 'Jesus Christ' now makes the verse more acceptable to those whose false teachings separate the man Jesus from the divine Christ.

Luke 4:41 K.J.V. And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: OMIT THE WORDS 'THOU ART CHRIST'.

1 Timothy 2:7 K.J.V. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

NWT+NRSV+NIV+NASB+NLT+ASV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS 'IN CHRIST' FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. Here, in these two little words, the writer makes it known to us that he speaks forth the truth because he is 'in Christ'. Without them it sounds like he is declaring his own faithfulness, not God's.

John 4:42 K.J.V. And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

NLT+ASV+NASB+NWT+NIV: THE WORDS '**THE CHRIST**' OMITTED IN THESE VERSIONS.

Acts 16:31 K.J.V. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: THESE VERSIONS OMIT '**CHRIST**' FROM THIS VERSE.

Romans 1:16 K.J.V. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS '**OF CHRIST**' FROM THIS VERSE.

Galatians 4:7 K.J.V. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

ASV+NLT+NRSV+NIV+NWT+NASB: OMIT WORDS '**THROUGH CHRIST**' FROM VERSE.

P.B. Why remove these words that confirm to the reader that we are not just heirs, but heirs of God '**through Christ**'?

Galatians 6:15 K.J.V. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

NLT+ASV+NWT+NRSV+NIV+NASB: ALL OMIT WORDS '**IN CHRIST JESUS**' FROM VERSE.

P.B. It is my hopes that seeing the way Jesus is omitted from so many verses might provoke some to question the validity of their 'modern' version. Why would any one want to so frequently omit references to the main character of the Book?

1 John 2:28 K.J.V. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming

ASV: ...abide in him; that, **if he shall be manifested**, we may have boldness...

P.B. **If** He shall be manifested? He *will* be manifested; it is just a matter of **when**!

Romans 3:25 K.J.V. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

NASB: **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith...**

P.B. I wish my former English teacher Mrs. Holsom could see that garble!

➔ **Luke 23:42 K.J.V.** And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

ASV+NLT+NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**LORD**' FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. Another common occurrence in the 'new' versions is the removal of the word '**Lord**' when it is used in relation to Jesus. I fail to see how this could possibly be seen as an improvement to the text.

2 Corinthians 4:10 K.J.V. *Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS 'THE LORD' FROM VERSE.

Galatians 6:17 K.J.V. *From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.*

NRSV+NASB+NWT+NIV+NLT+ASV: ALL OMIT THE TITLE 'LORD' FROM THIS VERSE.

➔ **John 3:13 K.J.V.** *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: OMIT THIS DECLARATION OF CHRIST'S OMNIPRESENCE.
AMP: DISCREDITS UNDERLINED WORDS WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. Jesus was still here on earth with His disciples when He made this statement declaring His omnipresent existence as God! This important doctrinal statement is removed from these 'new' versions.

John 6:65 K.J.V. *And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.*

ASV: ...I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it be given unto him of the Father.

NLT: ...people can't come to me unless the Father brings them to me.

NWT+NASB+NRSV+NIV+AMP: ...the Father...

P.B. Many times in the Gospel of John (14 in some versions) the words 'my Father' are changed to read 'the Father'. Would they have tried to stone the Lord Jesus Christ for saying 'the Father'?

John 10:30 K.J.V. *I and my Father are one.*

ASV: I and the Father are one. NLT: The Father and I are one.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...the Father... (see also *John 14:12, 14:28, 16:10, 20:17*)

John 8:59 K.J.V. *Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

ASV: They took up stones therefore to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

NLT: they picked up stones to kill him. But Jesus hid himself from them and left the Temple.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL MAKE A SIMILAR **OMISSION OF UNDERLINED TEXT**.

P.B. This verse of Scripture is a description of a supernatural event. Jesus caused it to be that He could walk right through the middle of this crowd wanting to stone Him without them being able to see Him. However, you will not get that insight from these 'modern' versions.

Ephesians 5:30 K.J.V. *For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*

NWT+NLT+ASV+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE LAST HALF OF THIS VERSE.

P.B. It would be quite easy to view a lot of these omissions as minor or insignificant, but when we examine what the verse is really saying we see that it tells us that the body of Christ is not just some spiritual body but a living body of flesh and bone. These alterations *affect what we believe!*

1 Peter 4:1 K.J.V. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered **for us** in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS '**FOR US**' FROM THIS VERSE.
AMP: DISCREDITS **FOR US** WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. The Lord Jesus did not just suffer; He suffered **for us**. Once again, a verse is made to sound a lot less personal in these 'new' translations than in the true Scriptures.

Revelation 1:8 K.J.V. I am Alpha and Omega, **the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE **UNDERLINED WORDS** FROM THIS VERSE.
AMP: DISCREDITS **UNDERLINED WORDS** WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. This verse coupled together with verse 11 of the same chapter is a declaration of the deity of Christ, claiming Jesus to be 'the Almighty'.

Revelation 1:11 K.J.V. Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and**, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

ASV+NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE **UNDERLINED WORDS** FROM VERSE.
AMP: DISCREDITS **UNDERLINED WORDS** WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. The removal of the underlined text in this verse causes it to no longer tie in with verse 8 of the same chapter to make a declaration of the deity of Jesus Christ. The alterations discussed in this book are merely a partial examination of this issue. The modern bible are so completely riddled with these perversions of text that you can hardly find an important passage where the truth has not been marred in one fashion or another!

Strange that there
should be men so vile
as to use the penknife of Jehoiakim
to cut out passages of the Word,
because they are unpalatable.
O ye who dislike
certain portions of Holy Writ,
rest assured that your taste is corrupt,
and that God will not stay
your little opinion.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Some Thoughts on Heresy

*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, **heresies**, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that...*

...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 KJV

Just how serious of a matter is this thing called *heresy*? Is this old-fashioned term really that big of an issue to the ‘modern’ believer? We seldom hear it used in Christian conversation; and among some there is even a major difference of opinion as to just what the word actually means.

Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary defines (religious) heresy as: “*in theology a doctrine or belief that is **contrary to the fundamental doctrine or creed of any particular church; especially such a belief specifically denounced by the church...***” Although this gives us a pretty good idea what heresy is, it still leaves room for some ambiguity, because what one ‘church’ considers heresy might not be considered as such by another. I don’t think that I am going to miss out with God because I hold beliefs that are heretical to a Mormon or Jehovah Witness church.

The heresy we need to concern ourselves with is not what has been denounced by the organizations of man, but by God Himself! God has given a very specific framework of truth for the Body of Christ to embrace. To reject the truths of God that have been revealed to the Church - through His Spirit and His Word - and to believe and teach instead that which is false is the Biblical meaning of the word heresy. We are not talking about minor issues here; such as should we esteem one day of the week above the rest or not; or are ‘sipping saints’ in the will of God. Heresy concerns rejecting the fundamental teachings of who Jesus Christ really is, what He did to redeem us, and what He has called us to do as His Church.

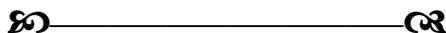
The horrible reality of just how serious a matter heresy really is was brought to light in the above given Scriptures. Paul included heresy in this list of sins, and then wrote that it would keep you from inheriting the kingdom of God! In another place (II Peter 2:1) Paul referred to “*damnable heresies*”, thus signifying *heretical beliefs* would bring *damnation* upon those who hold to them! These Scriptures were given to drive home to us the vital importance of receiving the truth and rejecting that which is false. Upon this issue hangs the very salvation of our eternal souls. Jesus said, “*I am the way, **the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*** (John 14:6 KJV) He was saying the only ones who will be saved will be those who receive the truth. To receive *the way* and *the life* you must also receive *the truth*!

The purpose of discussing here the eternal consequences of the sin of heresy is to emphasize the seriousness of this issue of the perverting of the Scriptures by these alterations to the ‘modern’ versions. There are many changes in doctrine in these ‘new’ bibles that could damn your soul if you allow your belief system to be corrupted by them! But most of these alterations are so subtle its easy to blow right by them without realizing your faith is being warred against. Satan has been polishing this subtlety for centuries!

In this passage above from Galatians Chapter 5, heresy is defined as *a work of the flesh*. Thank God for that! Because that means it can be repented of; and we can receive deliverance from it! Heresy is not just an issue of some people getting good teachings and some people getting bad teachings. Heresy is a **choice** one makes to reject God’s truth and receive instead that which is false. God has promised that He gave forth His Spirit so we could be guided into all truth. (John 16:13) We can choose to ‘*walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit*’ (Romans 8:1) and receive the *true* sayings of God!

On the Day of Judgment we will give an account of what we have done with the truth God sent our way. I sincerely hope this book will be a vehicle through which God brings to you an understanding of how absolutely reliable His true Word is; and the ongoing attack upon it being waged by an enemy who hates it.

Chapter 15.



Alterations of the Dark-Minded

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
Isaiah 5:20 KJV

In researching this matter I have often been astounded at the unashamed way the Word of God has been distorted and altered in these ‘modern’ translations. Just about the time I think I have seen it all some other corruption of the truth rears its evil head. I find it quite puzzling so many who claim to be ‘Spirit filled’ can study and preach from these books; particularly when it is so evident in many of these changes that they are of satanic origin. Also puzzling is the fact many laud these ‘new’ versions as improvements over the ‘Received Text’, from which we have our Authorized Version.

Even years ago, before I had much knowledge of where the changes in these versions were and what they entailed, I still could not read from them without getting a sinking feeling down in my spirit. Kind of like my inner-man was saying, “Please don’t feed me that; give me the good stuff!” I just wouldn’t get the edification and uplifting I would experience when I read the K.J.V.; and now I realize that warning ‘check’ in my spirit was the Spirit of truth leading me into all truth as promised. (*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.* John 16:13 KJV)

➔ **2 Corinthians 2:17 K.J.V.** For we are not as many, which **corrupt the word of God:** but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

NKJV: For we are not, as so many, **peddling the word of God**; but as of sincerity, but as from God...

NLT: ...like those hucksters—and there are many of them—**who preach just to make money**...

NASB: ...**peddling the word of God**...

NIV ...we do **not peddle**... AMP: ...**peddling God’s Word**...

NWT+ NRSV ...**not peddlers of**...

P.B. Even in the era that Paul lived in there was an ongoing attack on the Word of God. Satan used evil men to twist and alter the Word, leading people away from following the truth by turning them to lies instead. The workings of Satan to corrupt the Word are masked here by changing the verse to read **peddling the Word**. Although there are many who pose as ministers of God just to make money off the people, that is not the focus of this verse. This verse is given to inform us there are many who would **corrupt the Word of God**; changing it to thwart God’s purposes and lead the people away from God.

Matthew 3:12 K.J.V. Whose **fan is in his hand**, and he will **thoroughly purge** his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

NWT: His **winnowing shovel** is in his hand, and he will completely **clean up** his floor.

NASB: His **winnowing fork is in His hand**, and He will **thoroughly clear** His threshing floor...

NIV+NRSV: His **winnowing fork is in his hand**, and he will **clear** his threshing floor...

P.B. These ‘moderns’ put forth an image of simply **clearing** the floor and putting away the crop; but, as is the usual case, the A.V. brings forth a deeper and more detailed picture. The phrases ‘**whose fan is in his hand**’ and ‘**thoroughly purge**’ speak to a cleansing work of separating the wheat from the chaff by subjecting both to a strong breeze from the fan. Is this what was referred to in the previous verse (3:11) saying Jesus would baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire? (fire of purification?)

Notice the A.V. has God blowing the wind (Holy Spirit?) on the wheat with a fan; and the ‘moderns’ have Him tossing (buffeting?) the wheat with a winnowing fork or shovel. Just an observation.

Acts 17:22 K.J.V. Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars’ hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are **too superstitious**.

ASV: ...and said, Ye men of Athens, in all things, I perceive that **Ye are very religious**...

NKJV: ...Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things **you are very religious**...

NLT: ...Men of Athens, I notice that **you are very religious**...

NIV+NASB+AMP+NRSV: ...**religious**...

P.B. Notice the negative to positive change in his statement. Here Paul’s rebuke of those at Athens being **too superstitious** is changed into a flattering remark on how devoutly **religious** they were! Why this removal of a reprimand about being superstitious?

What kind of effect would his preaching have had to turn these idolaters from their false gods to the Living God, if he had been praising them for the religion they already had going on? None! He was not praising them for being religious! He was rebuking them for their superstitious worship of their idols.

➔ **Genesis 30:27 K.J.V.** And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by **experience** that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

NASB: ...I **have divined** that the Lord has blessed me on your account.

NIV: ...I have learned by **divination** that the Lord has blessed me because of you.

NLT: ...learned by **divination**... ASV: ...I **have divined**... NWT+AMP: ...**omens**...

P.B. Jacob had been with Laban for many years, and Laban had seen many examples of the Lord showing favor upon Jacob in his labors. He didn’t need to ‘**divine**’ this; he knew it by **experience**. Why this introduction of occult practice into the record of Laban’s testimony?

Romans 7:5 K.J.V. For when we were in the flesh, **the motions of sins, which were by the law**, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

NKJV: ...For when we were in the flesh, **the sinful passions which were aroused by the law** were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

NLT: ...and **the law aroused these evil desires that produced sinful deeds**, resulting in death.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...**sinful passions aroused by the law**...

P.B. For some reason I just cannot quite latch on to the reasoning these ‘moderns’ are trying to bring forth here. Are we now to suppose ‘the law of God’ **arouses in us sinful passions and evil desires**?

➔ **Proverbs 17:8 K.J.V.** *A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.*

NRSV: A **bribe** is like a **magic stone** in the eyes of those who give it; wherever they turn they prosper.

NLT: A **bribe** seems to **work like magic** for those who give it; **they** succeed in all **they** do.

NASB: A **bribe** is as a **charm** in the sight of its owner; Wherever he turns he prospers.

NIV: A **bribe** is a **charm** to the one who gives it; wherever he turns, he succeeds.

AMP: A **bribe** is like a bright precious stone ...[as if by magic] he prospers, whichever way he turns.

P.B. Why in this passage is a ‘gift’ changed to a ‘bribe’ (an evil gift. *Proverbs 17:23 KJV*); and a ‘precious stone’ changed to a ‘magic stone’ / ‘charm’ (an object associated with the occult)? Are we to believe that magic, or a magic stone could cause you to prosper and succeed? That is the parallel given for example here! This ‘darkening’ of God’s Word is plainly evidenced in the ‘modern’ versions, and speaks quite loudly of the corruption of their underlying texts. Do these changes look like ‘improvements’ to you?

Matthew 26:74 K.J.V. *Then began he to curse and to swear; saying, I know not the man...*

NIV: he began to **call down curses on himself** and he swear... AMP: ... **invoke a curse** upon himself...

P.B. There is an enormous difference between using foul language and a person calling down curses upon himself. Could both be a truthful account of the actual event? Then one is a fabrication!

➔ **1 Peter 2:6+7 K.J.V.** *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.*

NIV: ...the stone the builders rejected has become the **capstone**...

P.B. If you cannot deduce the meaning of the word **capstone**, ask any member of the Masonic Order; or easier yet pull a dollar bill out of your pocket and take a gander. The triangular stone on *top* of the pyramid is the capstone, and is symbolic of the coming One (world ruler) that the Satanists/New-agers are waiting for. The Latin phrase at the base of the pyramid, ‘Novus Ordo Seclorum’ is translated ‘New Order of the Secular’ (New World Order).

In the Scriptures, the phrase ‘**chief corner stone**’ refers to how the builders of old would choose a large stone that was square and true to start (the head of the corner) their *foundation*. God did the same when He laid the foundation of the Church. Isaiah 28:16 reads: “*Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a **foundation** a stone, a tried stone, a precious **corner stone**, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*” Can you see the enormous difference this change of wording in the NIV brings? This one perversion of the Scriptures alone should be enough to make people cast aside this ‘modern’ version and seek for that pure and preserved Word of God promised in Psalms 12:6-7. How could anybody not see the satanic influence behind alterations such as this?

Psalms 118:22 K.J.V. *The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.*

NIV: ...The stone which the builders rejected has become **the capstone**....

Acts 4:11 K.J.V. *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.*

NIV: ...The stone you builders rejected which has become **the capstone**....

➔ **Proverbs 18:8 K.J.V.** *The words of a talebearer are as **wounds**, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.*

NASB+AMP: The words of a whisperer are like **dainty morsels**...

NIV: The words of a gossip are like **choice morsels**...

NLT: What **dainty morsels** rumors are...

NKJV: The words of a talebearer are like **tasty trifles**...

ASV: The words of a whisperer are as **dainty morsels**...

NRSV: The words of a whisperer are like **delicious morsels**...

NWT: The words of a slanderer are like **things to be swallowed up greedily**...

P.B. Now in this passage we have the ‘moderns’ describing as *desirable* something the A.V. describes as *hurtful*! We have one passage relating things through the perspective of a sanctified mind, and the others approaching us through a fleshly perspective. I vote to follow the sanctified mind of Christ.

You might say, “Well, since all of these ‘new’ bibles are kind of in agreement, isn’t that evidence in favor of their correctness?” Well, no it is not! We need to understand they all share a common background, namely a handful of corrupted manuscripts that were compiled into a ‘Revised Greek Text’ in the late 1800’s. When the church ‘Fathers’ of that era caught wind of the revisers’ intent that this corrupt Greek text be used to produce a ‘modern’ bible a huge uproar went through the Church. Great men of God wrote entire volumes exposing the error of the Westcott/Hort ‘Revised Greek Text’. The denominations produced tracts for distribution to warn believers of this satanic attack on the Holy Scriptures. This ‘Revised Text’ was shunned and had little effect at the time. But as time passed the uproar died, and slowly the ‘new’ versions began to emerge. Today they are coming at us like an opened floodgate. This work is an attempt to stem this tide of corruption from washing over you and your loved ones. (*When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19 KJV*)

Matthew 13:49 K.J.V. *So shall it be at **the end of the world**: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,*

NASB: So it will be at **the end of the age**; the angels will come forth...

NIV: This is how it will be at **the end of the age**. The angels will come...

NRSV: So it will be at the **end of the age**. The angels will come out...

NKJV+AMP: ...**age**...

P.B. The children of the ‘new age’ are not anticipating **the end of the world**, but just the end of this age. They believe all things are cyclical; (such as reincarnation) and we are entering into the ‘Age of Aquarius’. This alteration should be a clear indication of the new-age influence on these ‘modern’ versions; and a warning of their potential to bring this influence upon those who study from them. (*Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Peter 3:13 KJV*)

Matthew 24:3 K.J.V. *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the **end of the world**?*

NASB+NIV+NKJV+NRSV+AMP: ... **end of the age**?”

P.B. Many mistakenly say that the KJV has mistranslated certain words, such as this one which they say should have been translated ‘age’. Just because a word *could be* translated a certain way (in a way that lines up with new-age mentality!) doesn’t mean that usage conveys God’s intent. The Bible says in Hebrews 1:2 that God created the **worlds** through Christ - should that read he created the **ages** through Christ? No! For the people of Noah’s day was it the end of their world when the flood came? Yes, it was.

Matthew 28:20 K.J.V. *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

NIV+NASB+NRSV+NKJV+NLT+AMP: ...**end of the age**.

Luke 11:39-41 K.J.V. *And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather **give alms of such things as ye have**; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.*

ASV: And the Lord said unto him, Now Ye the Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your **inward part** is full of **extortion and wickedness**. Ye foolish ones, did not he that made the outside make the inside also? **But give for alms those things which are within**; and behold, all things are clean unto you.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL MAKE THE SAME STATEMENT IN A SIMILAR FASHION.

P.B. These versions have Jesus saying to the Pharisees that they should give the ‘**extortion and wickedness**’ that is **within** them as a gift to the poor, and that will make them clean! These bizarre changes in wording are quite common in the ‘new’ versions; and I believe there is an evil design behind it. How could this type of textual corruption foster anything but confusion? No wonder so many Christians today are in such a fog when it comes to the things of God; a steady diet of these alterations of truth could put anyone into a stupor. (*For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:3 KJV*)

➔ **John 6:69 K.J.V.** *And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*

NLT: We believe them, and we know you are the **Holy One** of God.

ASV: And we have believed and know that thou art the **Holy one** of God.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...the **Holy One** of God...

P.B. Another issue most people who read these ‘new’ versions are unaware of is the introduction into them of terms and titles that are used in the writings of Satanists and Occultists to discuss the things of Satan or invoke his presence. Any seasoned ‘New-ager’ could point them out to you by the dozens; but most Christians walk right over these ‘dead mens bones’ totally unaware. Just exploring all the changes to ‘the **One**’ alone would fill a chapter. Although we can find several places in the Scriptures where this title is used to refer to God, it is a title used in great frequency in the writings of Satanists and New-agers to refer to the coming ‘One’ they are looking for. Why replace the title Christ with *any* other?

Noteworthy author Dr. G. A. Riplinger expounds on these matters in great detail in her internationally best-selling ‘*New Age Bible Versions*’. If I had to choose just one book to recommend on the issue of the corruption of the ‘modern’ bible versions, this book would be it! This edifying and information packed treat and many other fine works on this subject are available from:

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Proverbs 9:10 K.J.V. *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

NASB+NIV: ...knowledge of the **Holy One** is understanding... NLT+AMP: ...of the **Holy One**...

ASV: ...knowledge of the **Holy one** is understanding. NKJV: ...And the knowledge of the **Holy one**...

Matthew 26:64 K.J.V. *Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*

NIV: ...the **Mighty One**...

Leviticus 24:16 K.J.V. *And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.*

NASB: ...when he **blasphemes the Name**, shall be put to death.

NIV: ...when he **blasphemes the Name**, he must be put to death.

NRSV: ...when they **blaspheme the Name**, shall be put to death.

P.B. The capitalization of the word ‘name’ is also an indication of the introduction into these versions of New-age/Occultist terminology.

Acts 5:41 K.J.V. *And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.*

ASV: ...rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for **the Name**.

NIV: ...**the Name**... NRSV ...**the name**...

3 John 1:7 K.J.V. *Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.*

ASV: because that for the sake of **the Name** they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

NASB+NIV: ...**Name**...

Acts 19:24 K.J.V. *For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;*

NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ...**Artemis**...

P.B. Considering the fact so many of the New-agers, Spiritualists, and modern witches worship the goddess Diana, it should come as no surprise these versions change her name to Artemis. Wouldn't want to lose any ‘bible’ sales by offending such a large segment of the market, now would we?

➔ **1 Corinthians 6:9 K.J.V.** *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.*

NIV: ...nor adulterers, nor **male prostitutes**, nor **homosexual offenders**, nor thieves...

P.B. Here they are changing a Scripture that pronounces damnation upon sodomites to now inform us only ‘criminal’ homosexuals (**prostitutes** and **offenders**) will not inherit the kingdom of God! The ‘modern’ gospel is being distorted more and more towards allowing ‘alternative life-styles’ as acceptable to God.

The frequent lessening of the rebuke towards sexual sin in the ‘new’ versions is not an insignificant matter. Our standards for proper living come through an understanding of God's expectations as they are revealed to us in the Scriptures. If the Scriptures are altered to give a liberal slant to our instruction in proper behavior, can we not expect that the actions of the people would follow suit? Show me a homosexual or lesbian preaching from the pulpit, and I'll show you a liberal bible version in their hand!

1 Kings 18:27 K.J.V. *And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.*

NLT: ...for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, **or he is relieving himself**. Or maybe he...

NWT: ...concerned with a matter, **and has excrement, and has to go to the privy**. Or...

P.B. Another shameful alteration of Scripture that does not testify to a renewed mind.

➔ **1 Corinthians 9:27 K.J.V.** *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

NWT: ...I **pummel my body** and make it **a slave**, so that ...

NIV: No, **I beat my body** and make it **my slave** so that after I have preached...

ASV+AMP: but **I buffet my body**,...

NRSV: **I punish my body** and **enslave** it, so that after...

P.B. The dark terminology used here by these ‘new’ versions in no way reflects the true essence of this passage of Scripture. Paul was referring to the matter of weakening the influence of our flesh upon our decisions and actions through prayer, fastings, watchings, etc., so we would walk, through the power of God’s Spirit, in a manner pleasing to God; not being a servant to sinful tendencies. But in these alterations of the text, we see a drifting toward the religious bondage of flagellation, a vicious practice of self-abuse by beating, whipping, or cutting the body in a perverse attempt to discipline oneself and / or please God; but which accomplishes neither.

I know a number of persons who practice what I call ‘mental flagellation’. They assault themselves with a continual flow of self-abasement with words like “Oh, you filthy dog! Why did you do that?” or “You are nothing but scum!” or “I’m such a filthy sinner!” They constantly whip and cut themselves with thoughts and phrases of a degrading nature, thinking somehow this is going to be viewed by God as a form of humility or repentance; but these actions never truly produce anything but condemnation. If this describes you: please stop it! You are not helping yourself or pleasing God. If all you are giving yourself are ‘thou shalt not’s’ then you are actually *strengthening* the power of sin over you. (...*the strength of sin is the law. 1 Corinthians 15:56 KJV*) Stop beating yourself with the law, and try having faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ instead!

Take your sins and faults before the throne of God, and ask Him to forgive you and cleanse you with the blood of Jesus Christ. (*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 KJV*) Then seek His face earnestly with prayer and even fasting; and ask God that you would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Daily ask Him to flood your heart and mind with His holy presence. (*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 KJV*) He did not say the flesh would stop lusting, but you *can* live a life of sanctification that denies the flesh the sin it lusts for! Then instead of abusing yourself, direct your hostility toward the one who really deserves it: the Devil. Praise God for the victory we have in Jesus!

Jude 1:1 K.J.V. *Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORD ‘**SANCTIFIED**’ FROM VERSE.

1 Corinthians 10:20 K.J.V. *But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.*

NKJV+NLT+ASV+NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV: ALL USE THE WORD ‘**DEMONS**’ NOT ‘**DEVILS**’

➔ **Psalms 106:37 K.J.V.** *Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils.*

NWT: And they would sacrifice their sons, And their daughters to demons,

NASB: They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,

NIV: They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,

NKJV: They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons,

NLT: They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,

ASV: Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,

NRSV+AMP: They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,

P.B. Here is a Bible fact that most Christians do not know: You will not find the word **demon** in the K.J.V.; not even one time! The A.V. properly uses the word **devil**. There is a very important reason for this, and it concerns the definition of the words ‘demon’ and ‘devil’. Although there is somewhat of a similarity in their meanings, the primary meaning of the word ‘demon’ is *not* in keeping with the primary meaning of the word ‘devil’. And this makes it improper to change the word ‘devils’ to ‘demons’.

If you look in a Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary, you will see the primary meaning listed under demon as: 1. *a daemon*. Then the secondary meaning listed as 2. *A devil; evil spirit*. Now if you look up the word *daemon*, you will find this definition: 1. *In Greek mythology, any of the secondary divinities ranking between the gods and men*. 2. *A guardian spirit; inspiring or inner spirit*. 3. *A demon; a devil*. When most Satanists and New-agers speak of a demon, they are not making a reference to what they consider a devil, but a deity or guiding spirit! This change in wording is only one of many in the ‘new’ versions that pervert the Scriptures into a rendering more acceptable to the liberal new-age beliefs that are overrunning the religious world today. This fact is lost on most Christians, who improperly use the words ‘devil’ and ‘demon’ interchanged with one another in their conversation and writings. (I must include myself among those who have been guilty of this error.) By definition, a demon is *not* necessarily a devil; and these versions show great error in this change of text.

Deuteronomy 32:17 K.J.V. *They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.*

NWT+NKJV+NIV+ASV+NLT+NRSV+AMP: ...**demons**...

NASB: ...They sacrificed to **demons who were not God**... (**P.B.** Are we to infer from this passage that there are some demons who *are* God?)

1 Corinthians 13:12 K.J.V. *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

NWT: ...we see a hazy outline **by means of a metal mirror**...

NKJV: For now we see **in a mirror, dimly**, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then...

ASV: For now we see **in a mirror, darkly**...

NLT: Now we see things **imperfectly as in a poor mirror**...

NASB: ...**in a mirror dimly**... NIV+AMP: ...**in a mirror**... NRSV: ...**in a mirror dimly**...

P.B. This passage ‘**through a glass darkly**’ is a statement about our limited vision into the things of God. (*For we walk by faith, not by sight. 1 Corinthians 5:7 KJV*) Notice how they change it from looking *through* a dark piece of glass to looking *into* a mirror. When we look into a mirror, it is because we are trying to see our own image. We should be seeking God’s face, not our own. Once again, we see these ‘modern’ versions shifting our attention downward, turning the focus on man instead of God.

If you sought out and collated all the verses in the new versions where the focus is subtly taken off of God or His outlook, and turned earthward - toward man or man’s outlook - you would have a enough material right there for a large book on this issue!

2 Corinthians 11:5 K.J.V. For I suppose I was not a whit behind **the very chiefest apostles**.

NIV: But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those **super-apostles**.

NLT: But I don't think I am inferior to these **super apostles**.

NWT: ...**superfine apostles**. AMP: inferior to these [**precious**] **extra-super [false] apostles**.

P.B. Here this verse is marred by an alteration that sounds like Brother Paul is getting unpleasant and making a snooty statement about his brothers in Christ. If you think that was an inappropriate comment just read on; it was nothing compared to the next example!

➔ **Galatians 5:12 K.J.V.** I would they were even **cut off** which trouble you.

P.B. The context of this verse concerns these believers being hindered in their faith by people trying to get them to return to keeping the law; namely circumcision. In this passage, Paul states his earnest desire that those who were troubling these believers would be **cut off** (separated) from them. Maybe the words of Habakkuk had come to his remembrance: ...*the flock shall be cut off from the fold.* (*Habakkuk 3:17 KJV*) Now notice the horrible injustice done to this text in these 'moderns':

NWT: I wish the men who are trying to overturn you would **get themselves emasculated**.

NASB: I wish that those who are troubling you would even **mutilate themselves**.

NRSV: I wish those who unsettle you would **castrate themselves!**

NIV: As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and **emasculate themselves**.

P.B. Can you believe this one? In case you might not know, 'emasulation' is the total removal of all evidence of masculinity. Are they telling us these are words Paul wrote, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, to those he was striving to be a godly example to? Would Paul have made such an uncomely statement and in his next sentence exhort them to '*by love serve one another*'; and then in his next remind them to '*love thy neighbor as thyself*'? And later in the same letter inform them the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, etc.? I don't believe those uncomely words are Paul's.

I refuse to accept neither these dark-minded alterations, nor the books in which they are found, as inspired. God sends forth his *true* Word; and then the enemy puts forth *a corruption* of God's Word. (*Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. Psalms 119-140 KJV*) (*All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. Proverbs 8:8 KJV*)

Colossians 2:16 K.J.V. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

NKJV: ...let no one judge you in food or in drink, or **regarding a festival** or a new moon or Sabbaths...

NIV: ...**a religious festival**... NASB: ...**a festival**... NRSV: ...of **observing festivals**...

P.B. Once again, these versions take the spotlight off of fulfilling God's good pleasure and shine it instead on following the ways of man. Man's religions transform the **holydays** of God into the mere **festivals** of man. Modern man has little or no concept of a holyday. We have changed the word to *holiday*; a time *we set aside* to forget about all else and concentrate on the pleasing of others or ourselves.

A *holyday* was one of a number of days of the year *God set aside* for man to concentrate on worshipping the Lord. These were called 'the feasts of the Lord'; and three times in a year everyone would worship in a group of 'feast days'. Although we are no longer required to keep these feasts, there is a great deal of edification that comes from learning how various aspects of these feast days were a prophetic picture of the life, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and continuing role of intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ; and also His soon return. Much can be learned from studying them. For a free tract on this subject, send a SASE (#10) to: Feasts Tract, True Witness Press, P.O. Box 5519, Kalispell, MT. 59903

1 Timothy 3:3 K.J.V. *Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NRSV+NIV+NASB: ALL OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.

P.B. All of these versions delete this portion of the verse that teaches us ministers should not be given over to the sin of **greed**. This matter is one of growing significance to the Body of Christ today. The false gospel of personal prosperity has almost completely replaced the true Gospel in our nation. Fund raising has become the major focus in most large ministries, and many employ tactics to raise finances which border on out-right sorcery! Experts in psychological and emotional manipulation are flown in to meetings to generate larger offerings - molding people into a 'mind-set of generosity'. "Don't miss out on this! Write the biggest check you can!" God is **NOT** going to prosper you for giving in to this hype!

Revelation 1:6 K.J.V. *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

NASB: ...and He **has made us to be a kingdom**, priests to His God and Father...

NIV: ...and **has made us to be a kingdom** and priests to serve his God and Father...

NWT+ASV+NRSV+AMP: ...**a kingdom**...

NLT: ...He **has made us his Kingdom**...

P.B. God has made us to be **kings** in His kingdom; but Satan wants to structure mankind together into **a kingdom** so he can fulfill his evil desire to be himself a king!

Revelation 5:10 K.J.V. *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

ASV: ...and madest them (to be) unto our God a **kingdom** and priests; and they reign upon earth.

NLT: And you have caused them to become God's **Kingdom** and his priests...

NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP: ...a **kingdom**...

Revelation 2:13 K.J.V. *I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NRSV+NIV+NASB: OMIT "THY WORKS AND" AND ALSO "MARTYR".

➔ **Revelation 11:8 K.J.V.** *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

NASB: ...in the street of the great city which **mystically** is called Sodom and Egypt...

P.B. Are we now to be delving into the darkness of **mysticism** to unravel the prophesies of the Holy Bible? To true believers the things of God are discerned **spiritually**!

Revelation 13:16 K.J.V. *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

NKJV: ...rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark **on** their right hand or **on** their foreheads...

NLT: ...to be given a mark **on** the right hand or **on** the forehead...

ASV: ...that there be given them a mark **on** their right hand, or **upon** their forehead...

NIV: ...**on**... NASB: ...**on**... NRSV: ...**on**... AMP: ...**on**...

Revelation 13:17 K.J.V. *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

ASV: and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, (even) the name of the beast or the number of his name.

NLT: And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. AMP: Gives the same reasoning leading to err.

P.B. Instead of the mark, name, and number being three individual things, these ‘new’ versions say the mark is identified as either the name or number. This seriously alters what doctrine we are taught here!

Revelation 14:9 K.J.V. *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

ASV: ...worshippeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand...

NLT: ...or who accepts his mark on the forehead or the hand...

NIV: ...on... NASB:...on... NRSV: ...on... AMP: ...on...

Revelation 15:2 K.J.V. *And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE WORDS ‘AND OVER HIS MARK’.

Revelation 15:3 K.J.V. *And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

NIV: ...Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

NASB: ...Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!

ASV: ... righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages.

NLT: ...Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations.

NWT: ...King of eternity... AMP: ...O Sovereign of the ages.

➔ **Psalms 29:9 K.J.V.** *The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.*

NLT: The voice of the LORD twists mighty oaks and strips the forests bare...

NIV: The voice of the Lord twists the oaks, and strips the forests bare...

NRSV: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare...

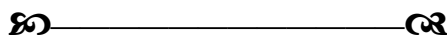
AMP: ...and His voice strips bare the forests.

P.B. Here, in a remarkable perversion of this Scripture, a declaration of God’s oversight and influence on the affairs of this life now reads as if He has gone on a rampage out in the woods! Somehow, I think God would take this alteration as a slight upon His character, don’t you?

THE TWO STREAMS

The Pure Stream	Timeline	The Polluted Stream
God's True Word Gen 2:16 <i>And the LORD God commanded the man...</i>	The attack on God's Word began right from the start! ←—— In The Garden ——→	Satan's Perversion Gen 3:1 <i>Yea, hath God said...?</i>
(Original copies lost) <u>Evidence of Preservation</u> The writings of the early fathers: Letters, diaries, lectionaries, etc. Magdalene Papyrus 'Syrian' and 'Old Latin' Gothic Codex A and Codex W Anglo-Saxon Wycliff Tyndale The Great Bible Geneva ☺ 'King James Version' ☺ Translated from the 'Texus Receptus' also known as the 'Received Text' (Over 95% of all the existing manuscripts closely agree together to give us the 'Received Text').	<u>Approximate date</u> The Days of The Early Church ←——— A.D. 60 ←——— A.D. 200 ——→ ←——— A.D. 300 A.D. 330 ——→ ←——— A.D. 400 ——→ A.D. 500 ——→ A.D. 600 ——→ ←——— A.D. 700 ←——— A.D. 1380 ←——— A.D. 1526 ←——— A.D. 1539 ←——— A.D. 1560 ←——— A.D. 1611 A.D. 1880 ——→	(Original copies also lost) <u>Evidence of Perversion</u> The writings of the Gnostics and heretics influenced by Satan: Origen (teacher of great heresy) Vaticanus and Sinaiticus Jerome's Vulgate "D" "E" Various corruptors have altered certain copies of the Scriptures down through the centuries.
We have approximately 5,300 existing manuscripts or partials today that are in overwhelming agreement with each other. These are commonly known as the 'Received Text' (or Texus Receptus) - the underlying Greek Text of the K.J.V. There are also thousands of copies of the writings of the early fathers which include references to Scripture. All these ancient quotations bear witness to the validity of the K.J.V. by their similarity to the Textus Receptus type readings.	For all of these centuries the Church had accepted the 'Received Text' (the Texus Receptus) as the true and inspired Word of God. When the 'Revised Greek Text' came on the scene, it was rejected by the Church as corruption! It only much later began to gain a foothold among the deceived, and today is commonly used as a foundation for 'new' versions.	Westcott and Hort's ☹ 'Revised Greek Text' ☹ Translated from a handful of very corrupt manuscripts; namely Vaticanus, Sinaiticus, and with minor consideration given to a few others. (Less than 1% of all of the available manuscripts were used!) All of the following versions are based on or influenced by the Westcott/Hort 'Revised Greek Text' and the faulty underlying manuscripts which they used:
	A.D. 1881 ——→ A.D. 1901 ——→ A.D. 1952 ——→ A.D. 1960 ——→ A.D. 1973 ——→	☹ English Revised Version ☹ American Standard Ver. ☹ Revised Standard Version ☹ New American Standard ☹ New International Version ☹ New King James Version ☹ GNB, ☹ TEV, ☹ NWT, ☹ PHILLIPS, ☹ CEV, ☹ NJ, ☹ NLT, ☹ NRSV, ☹ REB, ☹ AMPLIFIED, ☹ NC ☹ THE MESSAGE, ☹ etc. ☹ etc., ☹ etc.
	<i>Satan's corruption of God's Word began in the Garden of Eden, and continues on to this very day in the corruption of the 'modern' bible versions!</i>	

Chapter 16.



Skim Milk

(The other Gospel)

➔ *As newborn babes, desire **the sincere milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby:*

1 Peter 2:2 K.J.V.

If you asked someone using one of the four ‘modern’ versions below the question: “What *is* the spiritual milk you are supposed to be consuming that will cause you to grow as a Christian?” - what would be their answer? Well since their version leaves you in the dark as to what the milk symbolizes, they don’t have an answer, unless they checked with the K.J.V. that is. There we are informed the milk that causes a child of God to ‘grow’ is *the Word of God!*

NLT: You must **crave pure spiritual milk** so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation.

ASV: ...as newborn babes, **long for the spiritual milk** which is without guile, that Ye may grow..

NIV: ...newborn babes, **crave pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

NRSV: Like newborn infants, **long for the pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow into...

AMP: Like newborn babies you should **crave the pure spiritual milk**, that by it you may...

NLT+ASV+NIV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE PHRASE ‘**OF THE WORD**’ FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. The Word of God is the milk a believer is to feed on for the nourishment to subsist and to grow in the things of God. But in these ‘new’ versions the Gospel is not only so drastically reduced in size, but also so watered down in content, it could only properly be referred to now as ‘skim milk’! If you took an infant child in the natural and fed it only a diet of skim milk, just what would be the effects of such a diet upon that child? If it survived, it would become so anemic and stunted in growth it would probably never have the strength to learn how to stand up and walk. Could we realistically expect the ‘watered down’ gospel being produced by these ‘modern’ bibles to have any less disastrous results in the lives of those who are hoping for nourishment from it? The anemic condition of the ‘modern’ Church in our nation is not without cause. But, praise God, a return to the true teachings of the Bible could cure this malady.

➔ **Matthew 9:13 K.J.V.** *But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but **sinner**s to **repentance**.*

NASB: ...for I did not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**.

NIV: ...For I have not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**.

NWT+NRSV+NLT+ASV: ...**but sinners**.

NASB+NIV+NRSV+NLT+ASV: **OMIT THE WORDS ‘TO REPENTANCE’ FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. One of the most evident traits of the ‘counterfeit gospel’ that has permeated our nation today is the lack of preaching on repentance. A major key in discerning the difference between the true Gospel and the false is as simple as seeing the difference between Jesus calling **sinner**s to follow Him, and Jesus calling **sinner**s to **repentance**. The majority of our pulpits today are filled with hirelings too timid and people fearing to stand up and preach true repentance. The modern ‘gospel of skim milk’ calls out, “Hey, you sinners come and follow Jesus! God loves you and accepts you just the way you are.” Then weekly the preacher tells them “what a wretched sinner that they are; but it’s all-right because they are acceptable to God because Jesus died on the Cross.” They stay the same wicked person, only now they have religion!

If you are still ‘just a filthy sinner’ I hate to have to be the one to tell you this, but you are not suitable to God *just as you are*; nor are you acceptable to God just because Jesus died of the Cross! No one is acceptable to God but Jesus Himself! The only way to get yourself right and proper with God is to get yourself *into Jesus*, because in Him you are now acceptable to God because Jesus is. And the only way to get yourself into Jesus is to get Him *into you*! This requires a turning away from sin and embracing the life of a true faith in Christ that is evidenced by a willingness to obey Him. We are not saved by obedience to God, and please do not think that ‘righteousness by works’ is what I am talking about here. We are saved by grace through faith. But if you think that genuine repentance and a willingness to obey the Lord’s will are not required of you in order to be a true Christian, then you have been listening to the wrong gospel! Do you want to hear the correct one? Listen to what Jesus had to say about getting *yourself* into Him and getting Him into *you*:

*If ye love me, **keep my commandments**. And I will pray the Father, **and he shall give you another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; John 14:15-16 KJV*

***He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.** John 14:21 KJV*

*Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: John 14:23-24 KJV*

The true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ cries out: “Hey, you sinners, I am calling you to a place **of repentance**! Turn from your sins, and embrace a life of true faith in me. I will meet you there in that place of repentance, and gift you with the presence of my Spirit which will empower you to live in victory over the sins of the flesh and the mind!” The true Gospel will produce a sanctification and holiness in the life and the heart of the believer. The sanctifying power of God’s Spirit is rarely preached on these days. And, if it is, it is presented as merely a positional work - meaning God sees you as pure even though you chose to live in an unclean manner. This is a disgrace, and denies the power of God’s grace to effect in us a change of heart and behavior. Which gospel have you chosen to follow? Has faith led you through a place of repentance into a life of holiness in the presence of the Lord; or are you just a filthy but religious sinner following the counterfeit Jesus of a counterfeit gospel? Many a great man of God has shouted, “It’s holiness or hell, folks!” God help us to see the true gospel leads us to a life of holiness in God’s strength. (*Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Hebrews 12:14 K.J.V.*)

Mark 2:17 K.J.V. *When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, **but sinners to repentance**.*

NASB: ...but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**.

NIV: ... but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**.

NRSV: ...**but sinners**. ASV+NWT: ...**but sinners**. NLT: ...I have come **to call sinners**.

AMP: DISCREDITS THE WORDS **TO REPENTANCE** WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. In the ‘modern’ gospel, you don’t need all of that repentance business; you can be just another sinner following just another Jesus of one sort or another. Pick the one *you* like; there are plenty of versions of Him out there! But I hope you choose the *true* Jesus who calls sinners **to repentance**. (*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another gospel**: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would **pervert** the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:6-7 KJV*)

Matthew 13:15 K.J.V. *For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should **be converted**, and I should heal them.*

NASB: ...And understand with their heart and **return**, and I would heal them.

NIV+NRSV: ...understand with their hearts and **turn**, and I would heal them.

ASV: ...And understand with their heart, And should **turn** again, And I should heal them.

NWT: ...and **turn back**, and I heal them. AMP: ...**and turn**...

P.B. I hear a lot of preaching about getting saved today, but very little on being converted. I believe this is in a large way due to alterations like this in the ‘new’ versions. The words ‘**return**’ and ‘**turn**’ indicate only a change in course. Getting religion may change the path of your life, but in order to be a partaker of God’s true plan of salvation you must first **be converted**.

Mark 4:12 K.J.V. *That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should **be converted**, and their sins should be forgiven them.*

NASB: ...not understand, otherwise they might **return** and be forgiven.

NIV: ... they might **turn** and be forgiven! NRSV: ...they may not **turn** again and be forgiven.

NWT: ...**turn back**... AMP: ...**turn again**...

P.B. Have you been truly **converted** or did religion merely alter the course of your life?

➔ **Colossians 1:14 K.J.V.** *In whom we have redemption **through his blood**, even the forgiveness of sins:*

NRSV+NWT+NIV+ASV+NASB+NIV: ALL OMIT ‘**THROUGH HIS BLOOD**’ FROM VERSE.

AMP: DISCREDITS WORDS **THROUGH HIS BLOOD** WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. Somewhere along the line someone decided to ‘improve’ this verse by *deleting* the Blood of Jesus Christ from it! Can you even imagine how callous someone’s heart would have to be toward the voice of the Holy Spirit to treat this verse in such a manner? The Blood of Jesus Christ is precious to the believer, and would never be treated this way by a person of true faith.

To those who have become so lofty in their learning that they feel they can take it upon themselves to correct the very words of God I have this to say: “Beware, you who exalt your wisdom above God’s own words, and ignore the warnings of His displeasure upon those who dare to alter the Scriptures! Beware when you take to rummaging around in His holy books with your scholarly eraser; lest you stretch forth your scholarly hand into the book of life and erase your scholarly name!”

Jude 1:3 K.J.V. *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith **which was once delivered unto the saints.***

NKJV: ... exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith **which was once for all delivered to the saints.**

NLT: ...God gave this unchanging truth **once for all time to his holy people.**

ASV: ...the faith which was **once for all delivered unto the saints.**

NASB: ...the faith which was **once for all handed down to the saints.**

NWT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ...**once for all...**

P.B. This verse is altered to say Jude was telling them to contend for that faith which was **once for all** given to those who believe. But this is a ridiculous statement because he was writing to those who were already 'in the faith'! Why should they contend for something that they already had?

This verse is in reality an earnest exhortation given by Jude because of him witnessing the believers beginning to draw back into a complacency and unfruitfulness. He was telling them not to be content with where they were, but that they should fight their way back to the walk of faith and power the Church was slipping away from, the faith **which was once delivered unto the saints.**

John 6:47 K.J.V. *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth **on me** hath everlasting life.*

NWT: Most truly I say to you, **He that believes has everlasting life.** (ON ME OMITTED)

NIV: I tell you the truth, **he who believes has everlasting life.** (ON ME OMITTED)

ASV: Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth hath eternal life.** (ON ME OMITTED)

NASB: Truly, truly, I say unto you, **he who believes has eternal life.** (ON ME OMITTED)

NRSV: Very truly, I tell you, **whoever believes has eternal life.** (ON ME OMITTED)

P.B. This is another alteration that to me clearly reveals the true colors of the 'new' bible translations. In today's 'modern' gospel, with no firm boundaries or concrete beliefs, it is not that important what your doctrine is as long as you just confess you are a believer. In most circles it doesn't matter if your faith is truly founded upon the Jesus of the Bible. You just need a line of religious rhetoric to impress your peers. The statement "**he who believes has eternal life**" is as about as ambiguous as you can get. He who believes what? According to this corruption of the truth now *any* belief system will produce salvation. This is more of that 'new international' gospel *everyone* can fit into. But Jesus taught us that in order to have everlasting life you must do more than believe, you must believe **on Him.**

➔ **1 John 4:3 K.J.V.** *And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus **Christ is come in the flesh** is not of God: and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

ASV: and every spirit that **confesseth not Jesus** is not of God: and this is the (spirit) of **the antichrist...**

NLT: If a prophet does not **acknowledge Jesus**, that person is not from God. Such a person has the...

NASB: And every spirit that does not **confess Jesus** is not from God; this is that spirit of **the antichrist...**

NIV: every spirit that does not **acknowledge Jesus** is not from God. This is the spirit of **the antichrist...**

NRSV: and every spirit that does not **confess Jesus** is not from God. This is the spirit of **the antichrist...**

P.B. The true rendering of this passage of Scripture declares not only must we confess Jesus, but also we must confess **He is Christ**, and **He has come in the flesh!** But in order to be acceptable to all factions today's 'gospel of skim milk' refuses to embrace such a narrow-minded viewpoint. There are many false teachers out there who teach a Jesus who is not truly **Christ**; but only a prophet, or a teacher, or just a good man. And there are others who teach a Jesus who did not come in the flesh, but was here in a form that was like the appearance of an angel or a spirit of some sort. In these 'modern' versions all that is

required of you is to confess a Jesus; but this verse was given to inform us that such men and women who do not confess that Jesus **Christ** is come **in the flesh** are of the spirit of antichrist.

Also, worthy of mention in this example is the fact the alteration now says every spirit that does not confess Jesus is the spirit of the antichrist instead of the spirit of antichrist. This will help pave the way for the antichrist to mask himself by declaring to the world that he believes in Jesus. But it will be a false Jesus he is referring to and not the Jesus of the Bible. (*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 KJV*)

➔ **Mark 10:21 K.J.V.** *Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, **take up the cross**, and follow me.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+AMP+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS '**TAKE UP THE CROSS**'.

P.B. Is it just me, or is this omission of the words 'take up the cross' a horrible crime committed against the Scriptures? The message being preached by many today makes no mention whatsoever of the call to the believer to lay down his life and bear the burden of the Cross. Amongst the teachings of a self-centered gospel there is little room for the reality that God's plan for the believer is to walk the same walk of personal sacrifice and self-denial that led Jesus to His death. If we are going to declare we are following Jesus, then we had better ask the Father to show us how to **take up the Cross**.

Matthew 16:25 K.J.V. *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

NWT: For whoever **wants to** save his soul will lose it, but...

NASB: For whoever **wishes to** save his life will lose it; but whoever loses...

NIV: For whoever **wants to** save his life will lose it, but whoever loses...

NKJV: For whoever **desires to** save his life will lose it, but whoever...

P.B. Keeping your life for yourself, or losing it for the Lord, is not in the *wanting to* but in the *doing* of it!

Matthew 20:22-23 K.J.V. *But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.*

NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+ASV+NLT+AMP: OMIT OR *DISCREDIT* **UNDERLINED WORDS**.

P.B. Hear much preaching lately on being baptized with the baptism Christ was baptized with? There are some who think this is a reference to the 'baptism of His sufferings' - others think it is referring to the baptism of the 'Holy Ghost and fire' that fell upon the disciples in that upper room on the day of Pentecost. But which it is becomes of little importance to a 'skim milk' gospel that preaches neither.

The Scriptures speak of a people who would have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. God help us that we would not be that people! There is a calling in the heart of every believer to enter in to a deep Spirit-filled life in Christ. A walk that not only evidences the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, but that also draws one into the selflessness that caused Jesus to lay down His life for others.

Romans 1:31 K.J.V. *Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT 'IMPLACABLE' (UNFORGIVING).

P.B. A rebuke toward those who are unforgiving is also removed from the 'modern' gospel.

1 Timothy 6:5 K.J.V. *Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: OMIT WORDS 'FROM SUCH WITHDRAW THYSELF'.
AMP: DISCREDITS UNDERLINED WORDS WITH ITALICS.

P.B. This exhortation to separate yourself from those who are greedy is also removed.

Matthew 5:44 K.J.V. *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

NIV: But I tell you: Love and pray for those who persecute you.

NWT+ASV: but I say unto you, love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you;

NASB+NRSV+NIV+NLT+ASV+AMP: ALL OMIT UNDERLINED WORDS FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. We see in these 'new' versions that many of the passages given to us to govern our conduct as believers are either altered or deleted altogether. The straight and narrow gets a little wider with each of these changes, making the 'modern' gospel much less offensive to those with a lukewarm heart.

➔ **Mark 11:26 K.J.V.** *But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

NWT+NIV+NRSV+NLT: THIS VERSE IS TOTALLY OMITTED IN THESE VERSIONS.

AMP: DISCREDITS THIS ENTIRE VERSE WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. Here we see an entire verse on forgiveness is removed! Not only does the straight and narrow continue to grow wider in these 'moderns'; they are even removing 'guardrails' like this verse which are intended to keep you from exiting the 'highway of holiness' altogether.

Seeing the importance of forgiveness in relation to our right-standing with God, don't you see the removal of this verse as a great danger? Many a soul has been restored through the rebuke of these words!

NASB+ASV: [THIS VERSE IS DISCREDITED BY BRACKETS IN THESE VERSIONS.]

Philippians 3:16 K.J.V. *Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE LAST HALF OF THIS VERSE.

P.B. The 'I'll live my way - you live your way' attitude so pervasive among those who follow the 'counterfeit' gospel does not allow for a phrase such as this one. It had to go. The humility and forbearance necessary to walk in this kind of unity is not preached in most churches today. I sincerely believe this lack of unity and single-mindedness has contributed greatly in producing the *mountains* of unanswered prayers that have piled up at the altars of the 'modern' Church - a testimony against their 'modern' gospel!

Romans 14:21 K.J.V. *It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE UNDERLINED TEXT FROM VERSE.

P.B. The liberal mind-set of those who follow ‘the gospel of skim milk’ also requires the alteration or removal of Scriptures like this one which bring upon us an awareness of our accountability in the matter of how our actions affect the walk of those around us.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 K.J.V. *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*

NIV: ... we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live...

NLT: Stay away from any Christian who lives in idleness and doesn’t follow the tradition of hard work we gave you.

P.B. Likewise verses such as this one, which require you to raise up a standard of proper behavior among the brethren by declaring they also are accountable for the way their behavior affects you, are often marred into a state of impotence. (Some Christians are idle from injury, retirement, or even a sabbatical!)

Acts 1:14 K.J.V. *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*

NLT+NIV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORDS ‘WITH ONE ACCORD’ FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. Another witness of God’s call upon true believers to conform to a like-minded faith is omitted.

➔ **John 8:9 K.J.V.** *And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

NWT+NASB+NIV+NLT+ASV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE UNDERLINED PHRASE FROM VERSE.

P.B. There is no room in the ‘modern’ gospel for a mean God who would seek to conform the actions of His children to the confines of His will by a performing a cruel work of conviction upon their conscience. There was a time when the true men and women of God warned the world of the danger and eternal consequences of living with a defiled conscience; but in most of today’s liberal-minded churches such a message would be ridiculed. I have actually witnessed the convicting power of God’s Spirit upon a Church service shamefully being referred to by one pastor as the condemnation of the enemy! (Not surprisingly the precious Dove then decided to take flight.) Jesus spoke quite rudely of ‘blind guides’ like these who cannot discern the workings of God’s Spirit amid all of today’s charismatic frills and fluff!

1 Corinthians 6:20 K.J.V. *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT UNDERLINED TEXT FROM VERSE.

P.B. Here we have a phrase removed which lets us know that not only did God purchase our physical body, but also our spirit (or inner-man). Most religious folk can accept the concept of our body being the temple of God; but many balk when told God owns, and wants total control of, our spirit.

➔ **Romans 8:1 K.J.V.** *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

ASV: There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, **(Period, end of verse.)**

NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ALL **OMIT** THE LAST HALF OF THIS VERSE.

AMP: DISCREDITS LAST HALF OF VERSE WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. The message that is being preached from so many of the ‘liberal’ pulpits today says there is no condemnation upon believers *in any case*, whether they choose to walk in the Spirit *or* in the flesh! This error is producing a generation that cannot discern between the convicting power of the Holy Ghost condemning sin and the condemnation of the enemy as he tries to drag you down with his lies. This type of preaching promotes a loose life-style by teaching people that the ‘bad feeling’ they get over their wrongdoing is not from God, but is just Satan condemning them. Therefore, they learn to ignore the admonishing of God’s Spirit.

If you **walk after the Spirit**, there is nothing to be condemned about, but if you **walk after the flesh**, there certainly is! (*And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:19 KJV*)

➔ **Matthew 13:24-25 K.J.V.** *Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and **sowed tares** among the wheat, and went his way.*

NWT: ...his enemy came and **oversowed weeds** in among the wheat and went away.

NIV: ...his enemy came and **sowed weeds** among the wheat, and went away.

NRSV: ...an enemy came and **sowed weeds** among the wheat, and then went away.

NLT: ...his enemy came and **planted weeds** among the wheat.

P.B. The word **tares** carries a very significant meaning that the word **weeds** certainly does not. You see, most weeds are easily distinguished from wheat. If you walked through a wheat field, you could with no problem whatsoever point out most all of the ‘weeds’. But ‘tares’ are a completely different story. A ‘tare’ is a type of weed that so much resembles the wheat plant that without *closely examining them* it is hard to tell the difference between them. But only up until the time of harvest, then the difference between the two is quite apparent, for then the farmer can see the difference in the kernel produced by the two. The fact the fruit of one does not resemble the fruit of the other is the only visible difference between the two plants which is evident *without close scrutiny*. Also, note that the farmer (symbolic of God) desires the fruit of the wheat, but despises the fruit of the tares! He does not want the tares reproducing in his field!

In the alteration of this verse, Satan once again masks his tactics from the readers of these versions. There are many ‘weeds’ in the Church which are easily recognized as such; but the ‘tares’ Satan has planted among the true believers are no so easily identified. Nor is the imitation of the truth which these ‘tares’ preach. It appears to be quite similar to the truth until later when the fruit of it becomes evident. May God give us the wisdom we would see the need to more closely examine what we hear and the one who is doing the speaking. Because, more often than you and I would like to believe, it could likely be a quite spiritual sounding ‘**tare**’ seeking to lead us astray with a counterfeit of the Gospel!

Mark 7:16 K.J.V. *If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.*

NIV+NRSV+NWT+NLT: THIS VERSE IS **TOTALLY OMITTED** IN THESE VERSIONS.

P.B. If you look at the verse numbering in these versions, it skips 16, going right from 15 to 17! Many a great sermon have come from this passage, is it in *your* bible?

NASB+ASV+AMP: THIS VERSE IS **DISCREDITED** BY [BRACKETS] OR *ITALICS*.

➔ **Proverbs 17:3 K.J.V.** *The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but **the LORD trieth the hearts.***

NASB: ...But **the Lord tests hearts.** NIV: ...but **the Lord tests the heart.**
NKJV+NLT+NRSV: ...but **the Lord tests the hearts.**

P.B. What a great loss of understanding comes with this change from **trieth** to **tests**. You *test* something to see how it is going to perform; but the phrase ‘the Lord *trieth* the hearts’ has nothing to do with a ‘test drive’! The allegory used here is one of a silversmith or goldsmith taking the material he wants to use and ‘trying it’ by applying the fire of purification to it. As the metal melts and then simmers under intense heat, all of its impurities raise to the surface where the ‘smith’ can now remove them; thus he has purified the metal and made it fit for use. So it is with the heavenly ‘Smith’ and His children with their ‘golden’ faith. The trying of our faith in life’s ‘fires of purification’ can be a horribly painful and lonely experience; even to the point you are sure you are going to perish before the trial is over. But when the ‘heat’ cools, and the experience passes, you are aware of a new-found purity in your faith and a ‘ready for service’ attitude that was not there before your trip to the ‘furnace’. It is truly a wonderful feeling.

This agonizing process of the ‘trying’ of the believers’ faith in the fires of purification does not fit in with the ‘modern’ gospel. In the quick and easy ‘gospel of skim milk’ the Lord would not do something as unpleasant as purifying your heart by **trying** your faith; He only **tests** it once in while.

Mark 3:15 K.J.V. ***And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:***

NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+ASV+NLT+AMP: **OMIT OR DISCREDIT UNDERLINED PHRASE.**

P.B. Everyone who is a true believer has within them the anointing of God’s Holy Spirit. Within this anointing that dwells in every believer is the power to heal sickness. Yes, there are those upon whom is manifested a special anointing of the Spirit for one phase of ministry or another, but all believers have the Spirit of God and all the potential that lies within Him. If we had a greater awareness of the power that dwells in us through God’s Spirit, maybe there would be more healings taking place in our day.

Many are reluctant to press in and find faith to minister or receive healing because there has been so much abuse and falsehood associated with those preaching healing. There indeed has been much damage done by certain people claiming to be from one healing movement or another, but just because some have done something wrong doesn’t mean it cannot be done right! Have you stopped spending money just because some have chosen to manufacture counterfeit bills? Don’t let those phonies keep you from God’s best.

Acts 15:32 K.J.V. *And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, **and confirmed them.***

NWT+NKJV+NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL **OMIT PHRASE ‘AND CONFIRMED THEM’.**

P.B. Judas and Silas, after exhorting the people, *confirmed* the words that they had spoken by manifesting the gifts given to them by the power of the Spirit. It is God’s will that this would be business as usual in the ‘Body of Christ’ today; but Satan has stolen away so much truth and power from the ‘modern’ Church that to even exhort on such matters would bring you persecution in many fellowships!

Acts 22:20 K.J.V. *And when the blood of thy **martyr** Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: **‘MARTYR’ CHANGED TO ‘WITNESS’ IN THESE VERSIONS.**

P.B. Surprising to some also is the removal of the word ‘martyr’ from many of the ‘new’ versions.

Revelation 17:6 K.J.V. *And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

NLT+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: NONE USE THE WORD '**MARTYR**' IN THIS VERSE.

➔ **Mark 9:29 K.J.V.** *And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NRSV+NASB+NIV: **OMIT REFERENCE TO FASTING FOR DELIVERANCE.**
AMP: DISCREDITS REFERENCE TO FASTING WITH *ITALICS*.

P.B. It would greatly shock most Christians to learn so many references to fasting are removed from the 'modern' versions. The NIV alone omits the words fast, fastest, fasted, and fastings over forty times! The act of fasting is a vital part of an effective ministry of prayer whether it is by an individual or a corporate body.

Acts 10:30 K.J.V. *And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT REFERENCE TO FASTING FROM VERSE.**

1 Corinthians 7:5 K.J.V. *Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*

NLT+ASV+NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ALL **OMIT THE REFERENCE TO FASTING FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. A normal part of every Christian life should be the occasional setting aside of some time to devote oneself to seeking the Lord and His will for their life through **fasting and** prayer.

2 Corinthians 6:5 K.J.V. *In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings:*

NLT+NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ALL **OMIT 'FASTINGS' FROM THIS VERSE.**

2 Corinthians 11:27 K.J.V. *In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.*

NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: ALL **OMIT THE WORD 'FASTINGS' FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. Paul said they were involved in **fastings often**. If that was the testimony of the Church today, maybe these 'new' bible versions would not be having such a success in our nation.

Deuteronomy 23:17 K.J.V. *There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.*

NASB+NRSV+NWT+NIV+NKJV: ALL **OMIT THE WORD 'SODOMITE' FROM THIS VERSE.**

P.B. In the liberal mind-set of today's 'modern' Church - within which the 'modern' gospel is so at home - it is a cruel and hateful thing to quote words like 'sodomite' from the Holy Scriptures. When we alter the words of the Bible to make them less offensive to the sinner, then we do him a great injustice. These words are given to convict him of his sin in the hopes he will repent, and find life.

➔ **1 Kings 14:24 K.J.V.** *And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.*

NASB: ...were also **male cult prostitutes** in the land... NIV: ... **male shrine prostitutes** in the land...
 NKJV: ...also **perverted persons** in the land... NRSV: ... **male temple prostitutes** in the land...
 NKJV+NWT+NRSV+NASB+NIV: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**SODOMITES**' FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. The word '**sodomite**' is, like many others in Scripture, an entire sermon within itself! God has ordained that just the mention of the word 'sodomite' would remind the hearer of the horrible fate that fell upon the perverted people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and of the fiery Hell awaiting those who choose this depraved life-style today. The word *and* the sermon are lost to the readers of these 'new-age' versions.

1 Kings 15:12 K.J.V. *And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.*

NASB+NWT+NKJV+NIV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**SODOMITES**' FROM THIS VERSE.

1 Kings 22:46 K.J.V. *And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.*

NASB: ...the **sodomites** who remained in the days of his father Asa, he expelled from the land...
 NWT+NIV+NRSV+NLT: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**SODOMITES**' FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. If the NASB could properly translate the word **sodomites** here, why not every other place?

Mark 6:11 K.J.V. *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.*

NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+NLT+ASV: LAST HALF OF THIS VERSE IS **OMITTED** FROM TEXT.
 AMP: **UNDERLINED WORDS** ARE DISCREDITED BY *ITALICS*.

P.B. Why was this New Testament reference to Sodom and Gomorrah deleted from this verse?

➔ **Mark 9:44 K.J.V.** *Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*

➔ **Mark 9:46 K.J.V.** *Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*

NIV+NWT+NRSV+NLT+AMP: BOTH VERSES **TOTALLY OMITTED** IN THESE VERSIONS.
 ASV+NASB: BOTH VERSES ARE **DISCREDITED** BY [BRACKETS] IN THESE VERSIONS.

➔ **Mark 9:45 K.J.V.** *And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.*

NIV+NLT+NWT+NRSV+NASB+AMP: ALL OMIT THE **UNDERLINED WORDS** FROM VERSE.

P.B. In three verses (*Mark 9:44, 45, and 46*) the statement that the fires of hell "*will not be quenched*" has been removed in many versions three times! Could this be part of the reason so many today do not believe in the literal fiery torments of hell that the true sayings of God so vividly describe to us?

Although we know that the love of God draws us to his grace and forgiveness, we also know from the Scriptures that the fear of God causes men to depart from evil. (Proverbs 16:6) If you alter the Word to remove phrases that are placed there to instill the fear of God in us, how can this be an improvement?

Luke 10:15 K.J.V. *And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.*

NLT: ...you will be brought down to **the place of the dead**. NIV: ...No, you will go down to **the depths**.
 NKJV+NASB: ...will be brought down to **Hades**. ASV: ...thou shalt be brought down unto **Hades**.
 NWT: Down to **Hades** you will come. AMP: You shall be brought down to **Hades**.

P.B. The phrases '**the place of the dead**' or '**the depths**' should in no way be considered a suitable replacement for the word 'hell'! Neither should the Greek word **Hades** be used because of its widespread usage as the name for a mythological place that does not even begin to resemble the place the Bible is describing with the word hell. *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. (Luke 16-22 KJV)* In these verses of Scripture, we see the fate of two men who have died. One is safe with father Abraham, and the other is lost to the torment of the flames of **hell**. (If they chose to leave the Greek word for hell - Hades - not translated here, why did they not give the same treatment to the word 'heaven' in their version?)

Acts 2:27 K.J.V. *Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

NIV: because you will not abandon me to **the grave**, nor will you let your Holy One to see decay.
 NWT+NKJV+ASV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...**Hades**...

P.B. The words '**the grave**' are not a proper replacement either for the word **hell**. This alteration allows the false doctrine of 'soul sleep' to creep in. Many people believe in death your soul 'sleeps', or ceases to exist, and this is definitely not the truth! (Again we see the Greek left un-translated as Hades.)

Proverbs 9:18 K.J.V. *But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.*

NWT: ...those called in by her are in the **low places of Sheol**.
 NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...are in the **depths of Sheol**.
 NIV: ...that her guests are in the **depths of the grave**.
 NLT: ...But the men don't realize that her former guests **are now in the grave**.

P.B. Here again we see one of the numerous times the word **hell** is either left not translated (**Sheol**), or most improperly called '**the grave**'. We find this error throughout the Old Testament in these 'new-age' versions.

Matthew 16:18 K.J.V. *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

NKJV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+NIV+NASB+AMP: ...**gates of Hades**...

P.B. There is something about the word **hell** that makes it unlike any other in our English language. No other name used to describe the abode of the lost carries the same weight and terror found in this word.

Notice the NKJV follows the same error as the rest of the 'moderns' here, as it does in so many other places. It is *not* an upgraded King James Version, as most believe; it is a new translation, and full of serious error. It repeatedly follows the same corruption of truth found in the rest of the 'new' versions that we see is so easily exposed through a critical examination of their text.

Proverbs 15:24 K.J.V. *The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from **hell beneath**.*

NIV: ...to keep him from going down to **the grave**.

P.B. The 'way of life which is above' keeps the wise man from going down a lot farther than just six-feet-under! It keeps him from descending into the fiery torments of **hell beneath!**

➔ **1 Thessalonians 5:27 K.J.V.** *I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all **the holy brethren**.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**HOLY**' FROM VERSE.

P.B. Another disturbing trend in these 'modern' versions is the frequent removal of the words '**holy**' and '**pure**'. In this verse the believers are no longer referred to as 'holy' brethren, they have now become just 'the brethren'. Are the members of your church or fellowship holy brethren or just brethren?

The 'standard of holiness' is no longer upheld by the vast majority of the churches in our nation today. We even see the horrible uncleanness of homosexuality slithering its way into the pulpits of some religious organizations. Although man's standards of propriety seem to be ever shifting - like sand dunes bombarded by fierce windstorms of liberal hot air - God's holy standards will never budge even an inch! (*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Psalms 9:17 KJV*)

Ezekiel 36:38 K.J.V. *As **the holy flock**, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.*

NASB+ASV+NRSV: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**HOLY**' FROM THIS VERSE.

Matthew 25:31 K.J.V. *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and **all the holy angels** with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*

NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+NLT+ASV: ...and **all the angels** with him...

P.B. Let's hope He doesn't bring **all the angels** with Him, just the **holy** ones!

2 Peter 1:21 K.J.V. *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men** of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**HOLY**' FROM VERSE.

P.B. God used **holy** men to write the Scriptures - Westcott and Hort would **not** have qualified!

Revelation 18:20 K.J.V. *Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye **holy apostles and prophets**; for God hath avenged you on her.*

ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**HOLY**' FROM THIS VERSE.

Revelation 22:6 K.J.V. *And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and **the Lord God of the holy prophets** sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.*

NLT+NWT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL OMIT THE WORD '**HOLY**' FROM VERSE.

P.B. There are *holy* prophets, and *unholy* prophets. The Lord is not the God of them all!

Revelation 22:1 K.J.V. *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

AMP: And He showed me **the river whose waters give life**.

NWT+NASB+ASV: Then He showed me **a river of the water of life...**

NIV+NRSV: the angel showed me **the river of the water of life...**

P.B. These ‘new-age’ bibles are more like a river of ‘skim milk’ than a **pure river of water of life**.

1 Peter 1:22 K.J.V. *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ALL **OMIT THE WORD ‘PURE’** FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. In the ‘counterfeit gospel’ you are not taught you can become pure of heart; everybody is still just the same old sinner they always have been, only now they are saved. But the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ tells us we can, and should, love each other from a **pure heart**.

2 Peter 3:1 K.J.V. *This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:*

ASV+NLT+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ALL **OMIT OR DISCREDIT THE WORD ‘PURE’**.

P.B. Not only does the true Gospel tell us we can have a pure heart, but also a **pure mind**.

Psalms 7:11 K.J.V. *God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry with the wicked every day**.*

ASV+NASB+AMP: God is a righteous judge, yea, a God that hath indignation every day.

NIV: God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day.

NWT+ASV+NASB+NIV+AMP: ALL **OMIT THE WORDS ‘THE WICKED’** FROM THIS VERSE.

P.B. This verse of Scripture not only contrasts the difference between the righteous and the wicked, but it also informs us God’s anger is daily focused towards **the wicked**. Notice how the verse is altered to now do neither. The ‘new’ versions are corrupted by a myriad of changes like this that lessen the Bible’s rebuke toward evil, and blend the Gospel’s contrast of black and white into a pacifying gray!

➔ **Proverbs 13:13 K.J.V.** *Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.*

NASB: The one who despises the word will be **in debt to it...**

NIV: He who scorns instruction will **pay for it...**

NLT: People who despise advice will **find themselves in trouble...**

P.B. Not being in debt, paying for something, or finding yourself in trouble comes even vaguely close to the true meaning of this passage of Scripture. Those who foolishly choose to reject the Word of God shall **be destroyed!** Here, as is typical of the ‘moderns’, a powerful warning of the damnation of those who reject the truth is reduced an anemic skeleton of it’s former self. When you multiply this act of watering down of Scripture by many hundreds, what kind of effect does that have on what people receive as the truths of the kingdom of God? They receive the watered down Jesus of a watered down gospel; and consequently are not properly in tune with the expectations of the God who wrote the true Scriptures!

➔ **Mark 16:16 K.J.V.** *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

NKJV: ...He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
 NLT: ...who refuses to believe will be condemned. ASV: ...but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned.
 NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...condemned.

P.B. While it is true the words ‘damned’ and ‘condemned’ could be considered slightly similar in meaning, the word ‘condemned’ does not properly bring forth the terrible reality of this Scripture. There are many sources of condemnation in this life. Many people often condemn themselves. We can receive condemnation from one another, and also at the hand of our enemy, the Devil. He is the ‘accuser of the brethren’. But only at God’s command can one **be damned!** (*...and they that have done evil, unto **the resurrection of damnation**. John 5:29 KJV*)

We see in this, and the following examples, that the words ‘damned’ and ‘damnation’ are replaced in the ‘new’ versions with weaker words that do not produce in the reader the ‘fear of God’ the verse was designed to bring upon us.

Matthew 23:33 K.J.V. *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*

NASB: you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?
 NIV: You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?
 NRSV: ...being sentenced to hell. NKJV: ...the condemnation of hell?
 NLT: ...the judgment of hell? ASV: ...the judgment of hell? AMP: ...penalty...

P.B. A sentence, a condemnation, or a judgment are all things that are sometimes only a temporary plight upon a person; but the damnation of the wicked is an eternal matter.

John 5:29 K.J.V. *And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

NLT: ...and those who have continued in evil will rise to judgment.
 NKJV: ...and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
 ASV: ... the resurrection of judgment. NRSV: ...to the resurrection of condemnation.
 NASB+NWT+AMP: ...judgment. NIV: ...will rise to be condemned.

2 Thessalonians 2:12 K.J.V. *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

NIV+NRSV+NLT+NKJV: ...be condemned...
 NWT+NASB+ASV+AMP: ...be judged...

Romans 1:29 K.J.V. *Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSVAMP: ALL OMIT ‘FORNICATION’ FROM THIS LIST OF SINS.

P.B. One recurrent theme I notice in the ‘modern’ versions is that the word fornication is frequently removed, or altered to a word of differing meaning. As fornication is a common temptation in life (for some more than others) it is also frequently discussed in the New Testament as a grievous sin - with the notion presented that they who chose to partake of this evil will not know the salvation of God. When this rebuke of fornication is lessened or removed can we not expect people to have less fear of committing this act?

Galatians 6:9 K.J.V. *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, **if we faint not.***

NASB: ...for in due time we will reap **if we do not grow weary.**

P.B. Laboring in the fields of harvest is not a piece of cake! It is natural for a laborer to get a little winded. Growing weary does *not* prevent a person from reaping, but **fainting** sure will. Hang in there!

Romans 8:18 K.J.V. *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed **in us.***

NLT+ASV+NASB+NRSV: ...revealed **to us.**

P.B. In this example, we see not only this alteration to the text but so much more. We also see how truly this difference in text epitomizes the difference between the eternal fate of those who follow the true Gospel and that of the deceived who are led astray by the 'gospel of skim milk'. You see, *all of mankind* shall see the glory of the great God who created them. But the stark reality is that on the Day of Judgment the glory of God will be revealed **to** the wicked, but to the just His glory shall be revealed **in us!**

Some historical insight!

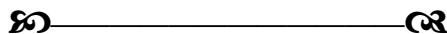
What did one of the greatest theologians of the 19th century have to say about Westcott and Hort's 'Revised Greek Text' - upon which the 'modern' versions are founded - and about the flawed and altered manuscripts which were used by them to fabricate this perversion of God's Word?

I am utterly disinclined to believe, so grossly improbable does it seem - that at the end of 1800 years 995 copies [manuscripts] out of every thousand, suppose, will prove untrustworthy; and that the one, two, three, four, or five which remain, whose contents were till yesterday as good as unknown, will be found to have retained the secret of what the Holy Spirit originally inspired. I am utterly unable to believe, in short, that God's promise has so entirely failed, that at the end of 1800 years, much of the text of the Gospel has in point of fact to be picked by a German critic out of a wastepaper basket [Sinaiticus] in the convent of St. Catherine; and that the entire text [Bible] had to be remodeled after the pattern set by a couple of copies [Vaticanus and Sinaiticus] which had remained in neglect during fifteen centuries, and had probably owed their survival to that neglect; whilst hundreds of others had been thumbed to pieces, and had bequeathed their witness to copies made from them.

(Dean) John William Burgon
(1813 -1888)

A big hearty amen to you, Brother Burgon! I look forward to telling you in person. P.B.

Chapter 17.



The True Righteousness of the Believer

Or

The 'One Question Quiz'

➔ *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is **the righteousness of saints**.* *Revelation 19:7-8 K.J.V*

Just what is this passage of Scripture in the King James Version of the Bible referring to with the words 'the righteousness of saints' - do you know for sure? I am thankful I do, and I sincerely hope that you know also. We need desperately to understand how to be righteous in God's sight; because the Bible tells us the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. I do not want to spend eternity as a lost soul being punished for my unrighteousness, and I don't think you do either. But just what is righteousness; and how can we obtain it?

People have many differing notions about how to find salvation and eternal life; and I have heard quite a variety of schools of thought on just what it takes to be acceptable in God's eyes. I have heard righteousness preached by some folks as something you earn with good deeds and working hard for God; and others who liken righteousness to something like a whitewash that covers over you so no matter how much you sin God cannot look inside of you and see it. (Wouldn't that be convenient!)

The Bible speaks of some people who missed God's plan by not knowing what God views as true righteousness: *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. (Romans 10:3 KJV)* Because of their ignorance of God's ways they set out to do what was right in their own minds; but never really became acceptable to God. How horrible would it be to spend a lifetime thinking you were on the right path, and that your efforts were going to bring you reward, only to find in the end you went about it the wrong way and missed out on eternal life?

Notice that in the verse it says they did not submit themselves unto the righteousness of God. They thought as long as they had a good grip on religion of one sort or another everything was going to be all right. But it wasn't; and consequently they missed out. Before they started out, they should have educated themselves as to just what it was they were going after; then maybe they would have found it.

Seeing now the need to educate ourselves on this matter of what it is that will make us acceptable to Him, where else would we go but to the Holy Scriptures. Now here is where we run into a quite serious dilemma: *Not all bible versions teach the same way for us to become righteousness before God!* Satan has fogged up the highway to Heaven, hoping to get you to make a wrong turn and lose your way!

Concerning the discrepancies in the 'new' versions over the way of salvation, I have brought the matter to a head in what I call the 'One Question Quiz'. You will be given two scenarios to choose your answer from, but be careful not to answer too rashly; for if you flunk this quiz you will lose your immortal soul! No, I am not kidding; how you answer this matter will determine if you are on the right road or not, and consequentially where you will spend eternity. The question at hand is:

Question #1. Where did the Bride get her Wedding Dress?

Scenario #1. She made her own Dress.

It was given to her to **clothe herself** in fine linen, bright and clean: for the fine linen is the **righteous acts** of the saints. Revelation 19:8 NASB

And it was given unto her that she should **array herself** in fine linen, bright (and) pure: for the fine linen is the **righteous acts** of the saints. Revelation 19:8 ASV

...Fine linen stands for the **righteous acts** of the saints. NIV

...for the fine linen is the **righteous acts** of the saints. NKJV

... (Fine linen represents the **good deeds** done by the people of God.) NLT

...for the fine linen is the **righteous deeds** of the saints. NRSV

...for the fine linen stands for the **righteous acts** of the holy ones. NWT

In our examination of the text in these versions, which give us scenario #1, we see the Bride has clothed herself, and that the linen garment with which she has clothed herself is actually a representation of her righteous acts and good deeds. Therefore, we can now say concerning the wedding garment, that she has clothed herself in her good works. She has *made her own wedding dress*, as many other women are quite happy to do. This in itself seems reasonable, does it not?

Scenario #2. The Dress was given to her.

And to her was **granted** that she should **be arrayed** in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the **righteousness** of saints. Revelation 19:8 K.J.V.

In this verse, giving us our second scenario, we see it was granted to her to be arrayed with this garment. A grant is a gift. According to this version someone gave her this garment. And from reading farther, we see the fine linen is representative of 'righteousness'. So this all leads us to conclude someone gave her a garment of righteousness. Somebody *gave the Bride her wedding dress*, which we should reason also to be a very common practice.

I have heard, in varying fashions, both of these scenarios taught from the pulpit, preached over the television and radio, and discussed over the dinner table. The issue is not a new one; but I remind you it is a very serious one. Let's look at this matter in light of the Word of God, and see if we can come to a decision as to which is the answer we can safely rest our eternal fate upon.

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Why the need for this dress in the first place? What is the significance of this wedding garment in regard to our personal need of a relationship with God that will bring us unto His salvation? A closer look

at the chapter in which this verse is found reveals to us that this is not just any bride we are talking about here. This is the Bride of Christ. And that means that we are dealing with the issue of the believer standing before God and entering into an eternal marriage covenant with Him. One clue as to the need for this wedding dress is found in Matthew 22:11. The person who came in and did not have on a wedding garment was not received, but cast out. Therefore, we see the ‘wedding garment’ somehow symbolizes the acceptability of the one who wears it. But to really understand the need for this dress we need to go a lot farther back in the Word; clear back to the Garden of Eden. And to do so we need to switch to scenario #2.

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Our search for the reason behind man’s need to be clothed with a garment of acceptability toward God brings us to the first man: Adam. The Bible tells us God created man in His own image. The Word also tells us God is righteous, and He is clothed in majesty! (*The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; Psalms 93:1 KJV*) If man was created in the image of God; then Adam and Eve also were righteous, and clothed in majesty! But, through the subtlety of Satan, they were enticed into sin and fell from their position of right-standing with God. Now they were aware of a ‘nakedness’ that had come upon them. It was not because of a loss of any physical garments, because they had none to begin with; but it was from the loss of their righteousness, and the majesty that had clothed them. Now they felt naked and vulnerable, and in need of a covering.

So they set out to cover themselves and be rid of this nakedness. The Bible says they sewed fig leaves together into aprons. I wonder what it was like there in the garden that day. Remember, these two were people just like you and I. Did Eve holler at Adam and say, “Adam, I’m naked! Do something about it!”? I can just see Adam like the average man grabbing the first thing handy and saying, “Here are some fig leaves, sew us up some clothes, woman.” Or I can just as easily see Eve behaving like a typical woman and thinking “Boy, we need something to make some clothes out of. Maybe I’ll just ‘shop’ around this garden and see what I can find. Let me see here. No, that’s not soft enough. Let’s look over here. No, that’s not right either. Maybe over here is something.” Then Adam hears, “Oh, how pretty! Adam honey, can we use these fig leaves? They really are my color don’t you think?” Was Eve then the first woman to hold something up in front of her and say, “Sweetheart, do these make me look fat?” Can’t you just hear Adam reply, “No, Eve I swear, you look great! You are the best-looking woman I have ever seen!” Then she says, “Oh, Adam I’m the *only* woman you have ever seen!”

And so they fashioned together some garments out of fig leaves; but we see later God provided a better covering for them in the form of some animal skins. Was there some symbolism involved here in God providing a more enduring covering for them? I think there was. I believe God was at work to correct the problem of man’s loss of righteousness right from the start; and He had in mind an eternally enduring solution. I think this is what Isaiah saw when he wrote: “*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*” (Isaiah 61:10 KJV)

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If you really think about it, how enduring of a garment would some fig leaves sewn together make? It would be just a short time until they began to dry out and fall apart. I think that such a garment would be

in need of constant upkeep to keep it from falling apart altogether. A fresh leaf here, a new piece of vine there. Kind of sounds like man's efforts at clothing himself in righteousness through good works, doesn't it? Every slip up is like a cracked leaf or a frayed vine. "Oh, why did I think that?" Sew, sew, sew. "Oh, now why did I do that?" Patch, patch, patch. A constant striving to ward off that horrible nakedness; but with no enduring results.

Scenario #2. The Dress was given to her.

And to her was **granted** that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the **righteousness** of saints. Revelation 19:8 K.J.V.

*In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*** Jeremiah 23:6 KJV

In this beautiful passage about Jesus, and the verses that follow, we finally see the covering and righteousness (wedding garment) we have been looking for; and we will now find it is not our own rightness but the Lord's; given to those who believe as a free gift! Let us take a run through some verses from the Book of Romans and glean some truths that will help us know for sure what our true 'rightness with God' is and where it comes from.

*For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. **For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*** Romans 1:16-17 KJV

If we really want to know where we can find this true and enduring righteousness, the verses given above show us where it is located. The Bible says the *righteousness of God* is revealed to us *in the Gospel of Christ*.

*But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the **righteousness of God** which is by faith of Jesus Christ **unto all and upon all** them that believe: for there is no difference:* Romans 3:21-22 KJV

These verses tell us not only does the righteousness of God come *unto* the believer but also *upon* the believer! The righteousness of God Himself upon us! But how does this happen?

*...Abraham believed God, and it was **counted unto him** for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.* Romans 4:3-5 KJV

Notice in this verse the words '*counted unto him*'. A deeper meaning of this phrase is given to us in the next three verses with the word '*imputed*'. Let's read on:

*Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God **imputeth righteousness** without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.* Romans 4:6-8 KJV

*And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; **that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:*** Romans 4:11 KJV

*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And **therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness**. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; **But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;***
Romans 4:20-24 KJV

One of the best ways to understand the word ‘imputed’ is to look at the process we call adoption. If a son is adopted he now has gained rights and legal standing which he had none of before. Through adoption there has been bestowed upon him all the rights and privileges of being a true son, though in reality he is not. These rights and privileges have been ‘*imputed*’ to him; they are reckoned to be his, just as if he were born to that couple. So it is with the righteousness of the believer. Through faith the rightness of Christ is *imputed* to us, and we are deemed to be in ‘good standing’ with God even though in reality we have no proper claim to be. Now let’s look further at this ‘imputed’ righteousness:

*But not as the offence, so also is **the free gift**. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and **the gift by grace**, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is **the gift**: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but **the free gift** is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*
Romans 5:15-17 KJV

In this passage we see the word ‘gift’ used five times, with the fifth being its usage in the phrase ‘the gift of righteousness’. Notice also the words ‘the free gift’. So the sum of what we have gleaned from these seven passages in Romans is this: The righteousness of the believer is *not* his own, but the righteousness of Jesus Christ. This righteousness is a free gift that is *imputed to the believer through his faith*. Praise God for the free gift of the righteousness of Christ!

When we start discussing what the Bible says on these matters, (particularly a verse like: *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Romans 4:8 KJV*), many people get a little nervous and want to back away from it. About this time some of you are saying, “You can’t preach righteousness as a covering, or people are going to think they can live a life of sin and get away with it!” And to you I say that you had better hope for sure His grace covers your sins, or you are lost!

But I do share your concerns about people thinking God’s grace is a license to sin. It is not! Don’t worry; God has placed a safeguard upon His grace, namely this: We have the righteousness of Christ through faith; but sin is a faith destroyer. You do not wander off into a life of blatant sinfulness, and take the righteousness of Christ with you. You might continue in faith for a time, but that sin will take its toll, defiling your conscience, and bringing you back into the realm of unbelief; and where you once had a vital living relationship with God, now all that you have is an empty shell of lifeless religious form. Paul spoke of this in the Scriptures: *Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme. (1 Timothy 1:19-20 KJV)*

Their ‘ship of faith’ carrying them to their desired destination was dashed to pieces on the rocks of sin! Such is the fate of all who would depart from the holiness true faith brings into the life of believer, and allow sin to reign in their life. I hope Hymenaeus and Alexander found repentance, and were restored to a life of faith. (*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.** 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 KJV*) (Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** Galatians 5:19-21 KJV)

Scenario #1. She made her own Dress.

It was given to her to **clothe herself** in fine linen, bright and clean: for the fine linen is the **righteous acts** of the saints. Revelation 19:8 NASB

...for the fine linen is the **righteous acts** of the saints. NKJV

Here in scenario #1, this concept of the wedding dress being comprised of ‘righteous acts’ presents to me a great number of questions, with the foremost being: Just how many ‘righteous acts’ does it take to construct that wedding garment? Does it take a few good deeds, or does it take a great number of them, to make up this garment of acceptability? And what if I don’t have enough? What happens if I do not have an adequate amount of righteous acts and good deeds to make up the entire beautiful long white flowing wedding gown? Maybe I only have enough for a knee length dress or, God forbid, just a miniskirt; is He still going to accept me? What if I only have enough for a half-shirt? Boy, now this is going to be an embarrassing wedding! Don’t look; I’m not completely covered here!

Can someone please tell me how many righteous acts I have to do to be righteous in God’s eyes? (Also, if someone gets converted on their deathbed will they be *naked* at the wedding? They had no opportunity to do a bunch of righteous acts and good deeds!) Maybe to be on the safe side, I better get with it and work like crazy. A good deed here - a righteous act there. Work, work, work, work, and more work! I’ll work so hard, and do so much, that not only will my wedding gown be long and flowing, it will be three layers thick! Surely then He will accept me! All decked out in all the good works I’ve done to please Him!

But over here in scenario #1 we run into a quite serious problem at this point. The Scriptures declare: “*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.*” (Isaiah 64:6) An in-depth look at this passage reveals these are not just your run of the mill ‘filthy rags’; they are likened to the rags thrown away because a woman had sat upon them in order to absorb the flow of her menstrual period!

These ‘modern’ versions are telling us we should look to stand before God clothed in our good works; but the true sayings of God tell us to do so would be like presenting ourselves before Him draped in old putrid menstrual cloths. That is how repulsive it will be to Him when the self-righteous stand before Him clothed in their ‘righteous acts’! Let’s go back over to scenario #2; it stinks like self-righteous works over here!

Scenario #2. The Dress was given to her.

And to her was **granted** that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the **righteousness** of saints. Revelation 19:8 K.J.V.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV

Another thing that gives many a cause for worry when you start preaching ‘imputed’ righteousness, (or righteousness by faith), is that you are preaching ‘faith without works’, which brother James warns us against: *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? ... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.* (James 2:20+26 KJV)

There is much labor to be done in the life of a Christian. We are told to add action to our faith, or it accomplishes nothing of any benefit to anyone. We are told to ‘study to show ourselves approved’ in regard to learning what the Scriptures teach. We are told to ‘do good unto all men especially those of the household of faith’; and we are told to ‘fight the good fight of faith’. We also have an enemy at work to destroy us, and we are to battle his devises. (*Resist the devil and he will flee from you.* James 4:7 KJV) There is a lot of hard work involved in *being* a Christian, but not in *becoming* one! Not in making ourselves acceptable to God. (*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* Romans 10:9-10)

Let's get real here folks, shall we?

I don't know about you, but I have had about enough of that smelly old scenario #1. It should be quite clear by now to anyone with a heart open to receive the truth that the 'new' bibles are in *tremendous error* when it comes to the matter of the true righteousness of the believer. And Revelation 19:8 is only one of many verses where this error can be found. (Many examples are given in the next chapter.)

Before we finish this 'One Question Quiz', there is just one more issue I would like you to address. You see, I believe not only was this wedding garment *given* to the Bride; but that it was also *purchased* for her. And the only inquiry left in this fact gathering endeavor is: at what cost? What was the price of the wedding dress - that 'robe of righteousness' Isaiah spoke so fondly of?

God counted the cost right from the beginning. You know, when He clothed Adam and Eve with those animal skins it was not without a price. Those animals did not just shuck off their hides and say, "Here you go now!" There was some bloodshed involved. There was a loss of life that took place to provide that covering for them. God gave us this account of those events as a foretelling of things to come.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV

There was never a dress as costly as the one purchased for this bride. And it was purchased for her by the Father of the groom! The price that was paid that we might be covered with that 'garment of salvation' was the shed blood and broken body of Gods only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ; and the death He endured on that Cross while He hung there bearing my sin and yours. He took our sins upon Himself - paying the penalty for them - that He might give us instead His own right standing.

What was the price of that dress? Before the crucifixion He was taken and unjustly condemned. He was mocked, ridiculed, and beaten. Beaten beyond our imagination, for the Word of God declares in *Isaiah 52:14: As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men...* What kind of horrible abuse would it have taken to fulfill that Scripture? To have His visage and form marred more than any other had been? The beatings He endured included a whipping on His back by a whip so cruel some could not survive it. In its many strands were tied sharp objects such as pieces of rock, bone, or pottery; and they lacerated the flesh with every blow. David, by the Spirit, had prophesied of those horrific wounds that Jesus would receive to His back from that instrument of insane cruelty: *The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows. (Psalms 129:3 KJV)*

They then gave Jesus the Cross to which they would nail Him with the intent He suffer the humiliation of carrying it to the place of His death, but He could not do so. It had to be carried by another. I believe it quite probable the reason for this was the wounds He suffered were so severe that there was not enough muscular structure left intact upon His upper back to accomplish this feat. How great and terrible a cost was paid to purchase that precious garment! Then they led Him away to suffer and die on that Cross - the just for the unjust. That our nakedness might be covered; that we might find life through His death.

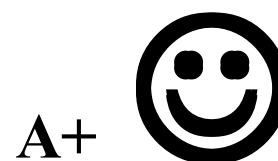
And, thank God, we also know death could not possibly hold Him. He is raised from the dead, and has ascended to the Father where He makes a continual intercession for those who put their faith in Him until the time of His soon return. Praise God forevermore!

Maybe the next time we hear someone speak forth this often quoted verse of Scripture, we could pause and take a little time to remember the unthinkable price which was paid to give us a right to claim this promise as our very own:

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 54:17 KJV

The 'One Question Quiz'



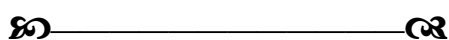
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Question #1. Where did the Bride get her Wedding Dress?

- A. She made her own Dress.** (Clothed in self-righteousness works.)
N.W.T., N.A.S.B., N.I.V., N.K.J.V., R.S.V., N.L.T., A.S.V., N.R.S.V. etc.
- B. The Dress was given to her.** (Clothed with the Righteousness of Christ.)
K.J.V.

Your Score: K.J.V. is 100% correct!

Chapter 18.



Not By Works!

*And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace.
But if it be of works, then it is **no more grace**: otherwise work is no more work.*

Romans 11:6 KJV

No more grace. That is what those who make the foolish choice to trust in their own good works to bring them into right standing with God will receive: no more grace. *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (Titus 3:5 KJV)* The grace of God is a wonderful gift given to a humanity which in no way deserves it. We should receive this gift with a holy reverence and a fear we might fall short of it through unbelief, or a love of the things of this world.

The idea we can *earn* God's grace through good deeds and performing acts of religious duty is one of great offense to the Lord; but this concept is promoted repeatedly in the 'modern' bible versions. Time after time, we see where they change 'salvation by faith' into 'salvation by works'! What did Jesus say about those who would come to Him exalting their own good works instead of confessing their need for God's gift of righteousness? *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you ... Matthew 7:22-23 KJV*

➔ **Romans 11:6 K.J.V.** *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. **But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.***

ASV+NLT+NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ALL OF THESE **OMIT** THE 1/2 OF THIS VERSE.

P.B. This verse plays a vital role in retaining the integrity of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. So very many denominations and religious organizations have apostatized to the point where they no longer preach righteousness by faith, but proclaim instead that the way to salvation is through good deeds and religious duties. This important verse makes it clear that grace and works are as different as night and day; but these 'moderns' leave out the last half of this verse, and lift up this standard only half-mast at best.

➔ **Luke 6:48 K.J.V.** *He is like a man which built an house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: **for it was founded upon a rock.***

NLT: ...When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm **because it is well built.**

ASV: ...the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: **because it had been well builded.**

NASB: ...**Because it had been well built.** NWT+NIV: ...**because it was well built.**

NRSV: ...**because it had been well built.** AMP: ...**securely builded** (*italics discredit upon a rock*)

P.B. This alteration should offend any Christian who truly loves the Word of God. When you stand before God, and give an account of your life, is your house going to stand because you *built it so well* or because you built it upon *the Rock*? This alteration sounds an awfully lot like ‘self-righteous works’ to me, how about you? Many people foolishly accept whatever is taught them; and alterations such as the one to this verse lead people to mistakenly place their confidence in their own goodness to carry them through the storm of judgment which mankind shall face one day soon.

Notice in the verse it says the wise man dug deep to lay his foundation upon a rock. To lay a good foundation requires the effort involved in digging down to remove the fluff and earth that lays on the surface. How much effort have you put forth in your walk with God to dig past the fluff of man’s ‘earthly’ wisdom and uncover the solid rock of the true sayings of God?

➔ **Matthew 6:1 K.J.V.** *Take heed **that ye do not your alms** before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.*

NASB: **Beware of practicing your righteousness** before men to be noticed of them...

NIV: **Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness** before men to be seen of them...

NRSV: **Beware of practicing your piety** before others to be see by them...

ASV: **Take heed that Ye do not your righteousness** before men, to be seen of them...

NWT: Not to **practice your righteousness**...

P.B. In altering the text to read ‘**practicing your righteousness**’ etc., these ‘modern’ versions are presenting a great danger to the reader by proclaiming righteousness comes to you through your actions. They are not teaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ! We do look for eternal *reward* for our alms and good deeds, but our *righteousness* is the free gift of Christ’s own righteousness given to those who believe from the heart the record of God’s Son. Righteousness cannot be produced through our actions, and to believe it can be will set you outside of God’s provision of salvation! (*Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Galatians 5:4-5 KJV*)

Matthew 23:23 K.J.V. *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tith of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, **judgment, mercy, and faith**: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

NWT: ...of the law, justice mercy, and **faithfulness**...

NASB: ...of the law: **justice and mercy and faithfulness**...

NIV: ...of the law—**justice, mercy and faithfulness**... AMP: ...**fidelity**...

P.B. Changing ‘faith’ to ‘faithfulness’ is changing ‘grace’ into ‘works’! If you are one of those poor folks who hope to be accepted by God on the Day of Judgment because of your **faithfulness** to Him, you are heading for a horrible disappointment! God’s grace at work in the human heart will definitely produce good works, and the rebellious and disobedient *will* change their evil ways! But if you are hoping for salvation I recommend placing your **faith** in what Jesus has done for you, not what you have done for Him!

Luke 2:14 K.J.V. *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

NLT: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors.

ASV+AMP: ...among men in whom he is well pleased.

NIV: ...men on whom his favor rests. NASB: ...men with whom he is well pleased.

NRSV: ... among those whom he favors. NWT: ...among men of good will...

P.B. The Scriptures declare, “*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*” (Romans 3:23 *KJV*) There were not a select few whose actions were so pleasing to the Lord that He decided to save them. God was not just extending his ‘good will’ toward those with whom he was pleased, but onto *all*.

John 3:36 K.J.V. *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

NLT: ...Those who don’t obey the Son will never experience eternal life, but the wrath of God ...

ASV: ...but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

NIV: ...but he who does not obey the Son... NWT+NRSV: ...whoever disobeys the Son will...

P.B. Once again, faith from the heart is altered into being saved by our actions. If there were any way possible for man to generate righteousness through his own efforts then there would have been no need for Jesus Christ to go to that Cross and die in our place.

John 12:47 K.J.V. *And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.*

ASV: And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge...

NLT: If anyone hears me and doesn’t obey me, I am not his judge—for I have come to...

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...does not keep them... AMP: ...fails to observe them...

P.B. Again, faith is changed to obedience! Obedience to God is a natural fruit of a life of faith, and the Scriptures are clear that without holiness no man shall see God. But we need to always remember that works can never bring us into right-standing with God. Only the Blood of Jesus Christ can do that. First comes the faith - then comes the corresponding good works. The other way around will get you nowhere.

Romans 3:22 K.J.V. *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT WORDS ‘AND UPON ALL’ FROM VERSE.**

P.B. This verse is important because it reveals to us the ‘righteousness of God’ comes upon the believer through his faith. This is not the case in a false gospel of salvation through good works.

Hebrews 4:6 K.J.V. *Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*

NKJV: ...and those to whom it was first preached **did not enter because of disobedience,**

ASV: ...**failed to enter in because of disobedience,**

NLT: ...**failed to enter because they disobeyed God.**

NIV: ...**Because of their disobedience.**

NWT+NASB+AMP: ...**because of disobedience.**

Romans 11:30-32 K.J.V. For as ye in times past have **not believed** God, yet have now obtained mercy through their **unbelief**: Even so have these also now **not believed**, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in **unbelief**, that he might have mercy upon all.

NKJV: For as you were once **disobedient** to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their **disobedience**, even so these also have now been **disobedient**, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. For God has committed them all to **disobedience**, that He might have mercy on all.

NWT+AMP+NASB+NIV+NRSV: ...**disobedient**.....**disobedience**.....**disobedient**.....**disobedience**...

P.B. This sounds to me like ...WORKS... ..WORKS... ..WORKS... ..WORKS...! And notice how the NKJV says, “For God has *committed* them all to *disobedience*” whereas the KJV says, “God has *concluded* them all in *unbelief*”. There is a world of difference between the meanings of these two phrases. In the KJV God is making a judgment as to the **unbelief** of these people; but in the NKJV God is given *responsibility* for the **disobedience** of the people! Once again we see an example of where the ‘moderns’ are altered to teach the false doctrine of ‘predestination’. Many teach we are not fully responsible for our sins because God made some people good and some people bad - this is totally untrue. We will all stand before God and give an account of our decision to either follow after a life of faith, or chose to reject Christ and continue on in rebellion against the love God shed forth through the death of his Son for our sins.

Hebrews 4:11 K.J.V. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of **unbelief**.

NRSV+NASB+NIV+NWT+NKJV+NLT+ASV: ...**disobedience**...

Revelation 19:8 K.J.V. And to her was granted that she should **be arrayed** in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is **the righteousness** of saints.

NASB: It was given to her to **clothe herself** in fine linen, bright and clean: for the fine linen is **the righteous acts** of the saints.

NIV: ...(Fine linen stands for **the righteous acts** of the saints).

NKJV: ...for the fine linen is **the righteous acts** of the saints.

NWT+NRSV+NLT+ASV+AMP: Same self-righteous error!

P.B. What a horrible perversion of the truth! This alteration of Scripture casts aside the gift of ‘the righteousness of Christ’. Instead, this ‘wedding garment’ of the Bride is comprised of the believers clothing themselves *in their own good works*! (See Chapter 17.) Notice NKJV following the same error.

➔ **Revelation 21:24 K.J.V.** And the nations **of them which are saved** shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

ASV: And the nations shall walk amidst the light thereof...

NLT: The nations of the earth will walk in its light...

NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT ‘OF THEM WHICH ARE SAVED’ FROM VERSE.**

P.B. Here a verse, which tells us we must be saved to walk in the light of the city of God, is altered to now say *all* the nations of the earth will walk in its light. This change is one that gives place to great error. Many false religions teach all men will ultimately be saved; but Jesus said: *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.* (Matthew 7:13-14 KJV)

Revelation 22:11 K.J.V. *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, **let him be righteous still**: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*

NASB: ...and let the one who is righteous, **still practice righteousness**...

ASV: ...and he that is righteous, **let him do righteousness still**...

NLT: ...the one who is good, **continue to do good**...

NIV: ...Let him who does right **continue to do right**...

P.B. **Being** righteous is altered into **doing** righteousness; once again, faith is turned into works!

Acts 15:24 K.J.V. *Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, **saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law**: to whom we gave no such commandment:*

NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: **OMIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS** FROM VERSE.

P.B. Here a phrase which is a rebuke of those who were preaching ‘works’ is omitted from these ‘new’ bible versions. Why the removal of this phrase which casts a bad light on those preaching ‘works’?

Acts 17:5 K.J.V. *But the Jews **which believed not**, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.*

NRSV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NLT+ASV: **ALL OMIT THE UNDERLINED WORDS** FROM VERSE.

➔ **1 Timothy 5:12 K.J.V.** *Having **damnation**, because they have cast off their **first faith**.*

ASV: ...having **condemnation**, because they have rejected their **first pledge**.

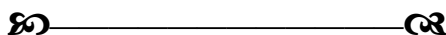
NLT: ...Then they would be **guilty** of breaking their **previous pledge**.

NKJV: ...having **condemnation** because they have cast off their first faith. AMP: ...**condemnation**...

P.B. Once again, we witness one of the many alterations in which the ‘modern’ versions change faith into works. We are not saved by making a **pledge** (a commitment to good works), but by **faith**! And casting aside that faith would bring more than **condemnation** upon you, the result would be **damnation**!

In most Christian churches today it is a regular occurrence for the Pastor, at the end of his sermon, to invite the unsaved and backslidden to come down to the altar and make a *commitment* or a *pledge*. Making ‘a pledge’ does **not** bring a person into the grace of God! Nor does repeating a ‘sinners prayer’ like a parrot on a perch! Weekly many preachers utilize various methods of psychological and emotional manipulation to compel persons to move to the front of the church where they are then told to repeat certain phrases of prayer. “Say these words - now say these words - yes, that’s it, now repeat these words. OK., now you are ‘right with God’, and don’t let anyone tell you that you are not!” Then these ‘commitments’ are totaled for the monthly report and often posted (for the churches’ glory - not Christ’s) in the bulletin handed out at the next service. This is all a *counterfeit* of the true work of salvation! It may *look* to the undiscerning like a great spiritual work is taking place at the altar, but statistics on these matters tell a different story - these methods are nearly 100% unsuccessful! I don’t expect to see any parrots waddling down the streets of glory, and it would be just as foolish to think sinners will be strolling those streets just because they parroted some phrases they were taught at the altar. Thankfully some do find God’s grace in the midst of man’s efforts to counterfeit the Gospel; but not from repeating the phrases of a ‘sinners prayer’ at the coaxing of some well meaning Christian ‘worker’! Salvation comes in turning from your sins to believe from the heart the Gospel of Christ, and then confessing that faith to your fellow man. (*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10 KJV*)

Chapter 19.



Those Deceiving Footnotes

A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

Proverbs 14:5 KJV

The footnotes and marginal helps found in your Bible should never be accepted without question as if they are the absolute truth - many times they are not! Many of the statements made in the margins and footnotes of the bibles being printed today are outright lies, and quite often lead astray the understanding of the unsuspecting reader who accepts what they have to say as reliable. Since they are found in the pages of a 'bible' most people would not suspect that many of these 'helps' are actually the lies of the Devil disguised as 'scholarly' assistance.

The King James Version of the Bible is not exempt from this type of corruption. Many of the new KJV Bibles are being printed with footnotes and marginal helps that bring forth the same corruptions of the 'Revised Greek Text' that are found in the 'modern' versions! A person should be *very* skeptical of the comments made in the margins of *any* bible. God does not need footnotes and alternate renderings to speak His truth to us; He does so by His Spirit. We should read the Scriptures hungering to hear the wisdom of God that can only be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. However, most read their Bibles with one eye on the verse and the other on the margin, constantly looking for enlightenment from the words of men whose great scholarly minds are often so lofty that they rise above the very words of God Himself and 'correct' them for us.

When you read the footnotes in most of the 'new' versions you will come across phrases like "the earliest manuscripts read" or "the most reliable manuscripts" or "some less important manuscripts" which are either merely the opinion of the commentator, or quite often totally untrue. There have been many manuscripts discovered since the fabrication of the 'Revised Greek Text' of the 1800's which prove the KJV type readings to be true and the 'modern' versions' treatment to be in error. While it was once touted by most liberal theologians that the manuscripts which were used to construct this corrupt 'Revision' were the oldest and most reliable of the available documents, that notion has long since been proven false through the efforts of many godly men and women. And this puts the footnotes in many 'modern' versions decades behind evidence acknowledged by even some of today's more liberal scholars.

Many of these footnotes bring forth such ridiculous comments I have trouble seeing how intelligent men and women could have allowed them to be printed. The footnote for John 3:5 in the NLT says the word 'wind' would also be an acceptable translation for the word translated 'Spirit' in this verse! This verse is about being born again; are we to now believe that to enter the kingdom of God we must be born of water

and the *wind*? In addition, in the NRSV a footnote for John 3:15 says some translators think that the quotation should have ended there, thus discrediting John 3:16! *Who cares* if some apostate thinks John 3:16 should not be in the Bible? You could probably find someone who has a gripe against most any verse of Scripture; should we fill the pages of our Bibles with their ridiculous opinions that cast a shadow of doubt upon God's Holy Word? Why waste the ink?

In the footnotes of the 'new' versions, you will find comments like "some manuscripts add this verse" or "early manuscripts do not contain this verse". This is how they try to mask the fact these versions delete so much text from the Bible; they say it was never there and was added to the KJV. The truth is you can trace the extensive usage of KJV (Texus Receptus) type readings all the way back to the early Church, but the *widespread* usage of the type of readings found in the 'modern' bibles is barely 25-30 years old! (Although the corrupted manuscripts themselves date as early as the fourth century - they were ignored by the true Church and lay *unused* in obscurity - which is probably the reason for their survival. All the true manuscripts were suffering severe wear-and-tear from their daily usage!)

Moreover, if all of these verses were added to the KJV why then are there verse numbers *missing* in the 'new' bibles and not extra ones *added* into the numbering of the KJV? It is because body of manuscripts now known as the Texus Receptus had been accepted by the 'Body of Christ' as the true Word of God from the time of the early Church, and the corrupted manuscripts *were rejected* as they appeared! Only *recently* has this corruption of truth been allowed to roam freely throughout the Christian community. Today's liberal preachers would have us to believe this cesspool of error known as the 'modern versions' to be the true Word of God now properly revealed to us; and that it should replace the text commonly used by the Church for all of those centuries! What an insult to God (who promised in Psalms 12:7 to preserve his Word to *all* generations). These liberal geniuses are saying God allowed the Church for all of those centuries to be deprived (contrary to His promise) of His true Word, and to have only corrupted manuscripts; but now in these days He has broken out the good stuff and *finally* the Church can know the real truth? What hogwash! The KJV *is* the true Word of God preserved for us as promised; and these 'new-age' versions are the result of the sabotage of the truth by our enemy, as are many footnotes in their pages.

A perfect example of the lack of credibility of most footnotes found in the various bible versions is the treatment by many of the last twelve verses of Mark. To read the footnotes of some you would think these twelve verses were not reliable, or included in most manuscripts. Examples: NIV footnote for Mark 16:9-20 says, "The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient authorities do not have Mark 16:9-20." NASB says, "Later manuscripts *add* verses 9-20" NLT says, "The most reliable early manuscripts conclude the Gospel of Mark at verse 8." NRSV says, "Some of the most ancient authorities bring the book to a close at the end of verse 8." And we see some versions discredit the verses by placing them in brackets to indicate that they believe the verses to be suspect. But *the truth is* that of the 620 manuscripts or partials containing this section of the Book of Mark, 618 *include* verses 9-20 of Chapter 16! And can you possibly guess which two do not include them? That's right! Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are the only two manuscripts which omit these verses! We are talking 618 *for* and 2 *against*! How amazing does that make the fact that many liberal 'scholars' are so quick to the draw when it comes time to blast the validity of this section of Holy Scripture! Maybe the best way to see why so many liberals despise these verses is to *read* some of them. *Mark 16:15-20 KJV: And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover... ..And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.* It takes a true believer to believe these words are for the Church today! Many liberal phonies cannot digest these words, but must spit them out and discredit them any way they can. When you read your Bible, please beware of all the lies and error brought forth through those doubt fostering footnotes!

Epilogue



A God You Can Trust

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

In order to fully trust someone you must first have a complete confidence in the trustworthiness of their words. If you do not have a conviction someone will honor their word without fail, then you are not really going to have a true trust in that person. And so it is with our relationship with God. Our faith and trust in Him is dependant upon a genuine belief His words are true and unchanging. Is not true faith a belief that what God has promised He will be faithful to perform in our lives and eternal future?

The enemy of our soul, the Devil, knows better than most Christians the importance of a person having a total trust in the Word of God. And this is why he has chosen this line of attack in his battle against us. He knows if he can get someone to give up their trust in God's Word then he has destroyed the avenue through which that person will receive saving faith. And he knows if he can sidetrack you into receiving a perversion of God's Word, then he can introduce into your heart and mind a spirit of confusion and disillusionment through the lies and contradictions that he so subtly puts forth. This has been his strategy from the beginning; and we see his efforts continue to this day in the alterations of Scripture found within these 'modern' bible translations.

The Bible says the Devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Lucifer is seeking to devour you! But thank God, the Bible also says if we resist the Devil then he will flee! The best way to resist the efforts of the Devil to lead us astray with his lies is for us to receive *a love for the truth!* And the best way to receive a love for the truth is to fall in love with Jesus Christ, for He *is* the truth. Daily we should seek God in prayer and in His Word; praying He would keep us from error, and lead us in the way of truth. People do not receive God's truth because they are scholarly or intelligent; or because they belong to the right denomination or fellowship. People receive the truth by having it revealed to them by the Spirit of God; and God chooses to reveal the truth to the humble and hungry of heart. But He will withhold the truth from the prideful and those who place their confidence in the wisdom of man. Our safest course is to humble ourselves before God and confess our ignorance of His ways and His truth; crying out for the true Bread come down from heaven.

When we acknowledge the reality that a thousand lifetimes of learning could produce only a minuscule fraction of the knowledge and wisdom of God - then we now begin to approach a position where we can like little children call out to our Father to reveal the truths and insight necessary to find victory in the battles of our daily walk. That is where the victory lies, not in trusting in our own scholarly wisdom or religious experience, but in placing our confidence in a God who is ever by our side to lead and guide us by His Spirit and His Word. However, this takes a childlike trust that God's Word is true no matter what our natural senses or man's wisdom tells us.

For centuries Christians went outside at night, looked up at the stars, and proclaimed by faith, "Lord, your Word is true no matter what my eyes tell me." For they would read in the Scriptures where it is written in *Amos 5:8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion*. The reference to 'the seven stars' concerns the constellation 'Pleiades', which to the naked eye is a group of *only six stars*. But what a surprise the mockers had when with the invention of the telescope man could now see a particularly bright star was in fact two stars nearly overlapped from our line of sight causing them to appear to be a single star. Man's limited vision and prideful fleshly wisdom had caused many a person over the years to declare God's Word to be in error; but the God who hung those stars in the sky knew perfectly well how many were there. And His Spirit moved upon Amos to properly pen the appropriate number many centuries before mankind would catch on to the truth of this matter.

To this day there are some 'knots' in God's Word which have not yet been unraveled by revelation or science; but these small matters yet unresolved should not hinder a believer from having a *complete* confidence in the Bible. These things will no doubt work themselves out to the glory of God, as did 'the seven stars'. But what should be captivating our attention instead is the supernatural design evident in the true Scriptures. It is very amazing the way the writings of so many different persons from various life-styles and living centuries apart could project such a harmony in bringing forth God's plan of redemption. This is such a testimony of divine influence it should thrill our souls we would be gifted with such a precious book as the Holy Bible. In examining the area of Biblical prophesy alone one is faced with the fact that the mathematical odds of just a small portion of the prophecies concerning Jesus Christ to have been fulfilled by chance would be astronomical. And for *all* of them to have been fulfilled would not have been possible outside of divine design. What a wonderful treasure we have in the Scriptures. They are a divine expression of God's truth, and are absolutely trustworthy.

The serious errors in teaching and beliefs that are manifest in the Body of Christ today are not a product of any fault in the Scriptures; but are instead evidence of a haphazard and slothful approach to seeking the truth on the part of the 'modern' Church. The Bible speaks of a group of people who searched the Scriptures each day to see '*whether those things were so*' (Acts 17: 10-11). If we today would conduct ourselves like those diligent Bereans these 'modern' versions would be cast aside. Just like they were by the believers of the late 1800's and early 1900's who listened to the godly wisdom brought forth by men like Dean Burgeon, R. L. Dabney, Philip Mauro, and C. H. Spurgeon. All of these great men of God warned of the danger of accepting the perversion of God's Word being brought upon the world through the corruption of Westcott and Hort's 'Revised Greek Text'; and the churches and fellowships of their day responded by shunning the 'Revised Version'. Why does the Church today not shun this corruption as they did?

I wonder what those 'fathers of the faith' would say if they saw the way the corrupt versions are so readily accepted in the churches today? I think their response would be a scathing rebuke, and a call to repentance and the acknowledging of the truth. It is the burning desire of my heart to see such a call sounded throughout the Body of Christ today. I have a holy fear that the perversion of the Gospel so prevalent in our nation today could well be the 'strong delusion' warned about in 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 that will in the end-times bring damnation upon those who '*received not the love of the truth*'.

Many see discussing the matter of the corruption of the 'new' versions as a source of unhealthy division between Christians, and some even view those who would dare to raise the issue as a danger to the Church. However, in reality the true danger is the Watchmen who are asleep at the wall and will not shake themselves from their religious slumber to warn the people. Warn them of the damnation that will befall those who are led astray from the true Gospel by Satan's attack on the truth.

Considering the seriousness of these matters, what joy it brings us to know God has given believers the ability to discern between truth and error through the Spirit of Truth that dwells in our hearts through faith in God's Son. He has promised His Spirit would guide us into all truth. But in order for someone to be guided, they must *first* come to a place where they are willing to submit to the instruction of the one who is guiding them. Otherwise, they will just wander about lost and never come to their desired destination. Such is the state of the liberal churches in our nation who have turned a deaf ear to the leadership of God's Spirit and His true Word, and allowed themselves to be led astray by 'blind guides' and doctrines of devils. The fruit of this will not be the salvation of the soul for those who follow their lies.

*May God help you and I that we would rise above the deception and self-centered teachings that have overrun the 'modern' Church. That we would be the over-comers which the Lord desires would come forth and raise up a standard against the corruption of His Word and the false doctrines this corruption is unleashing upon the Body of Christ. May we boldly pray for the refiner's fire to purge us of all beliefs and teachings not founded in His truth, so we might be a Church that once again speaks forth a word worthy of the confirmation of God's manifestation. May God help us to see that true revival is not just a happenchance occurrence; but the result of a people returned to the presence of God by an outpouring of truth confirmed by the manifestation of the glory of God. We can see such an outpouring of truth, and the resulting confirmation in our lives, if we will but count the cost and pay the price. But a great share of that price to be paid will be found in the ridicule and persecution of those who would reject the 'counterfeit gospel' preached by most today, and lift up their voices to declare that they will accept nothing less than the **true** sayings of our God.*

Paul Benson

Recommended Reading

A true witness delivereth souls... Proverbs 14:25 KJV

- **New Age Bible Versions** (This is an incredibly informative 700 page book!)
 - **The Language of the Bible**
By G. A. Riplinger. A.V. Publications Corporation, P.O. 280 Ararat, Virginia, 24053
Also many excellent videos and other books supporting the Authorized Version.
 - **The Revision Revised**
By John W. (Dean) Burgon. Conservative Classics, Box 308, Paradise, PA. 17562
 - **The Christian's Handbook of Manuscript Evidence**
By Peter S. Ruckman, Pensacola Bible Institute, P.O. Box 6235, Pensacola, Florida, 32503
 - **Heresies of Westcott and Hort**
By D. A. Waite. The Bible for Today, 900 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, 08108
 - **Which Bible?**
 - **True or False?**
 - **Counterfeit or Genuine?**
By David Otis Fuller. Grand rapids International Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49501
 - **Which Bible Can We Trust?** (This is a very convincing work suitable for the somewhat 'scholarly'.)
Compiled by Les Garrett. A.V. Publications Corporation, P.O. 280 Ararat, Virginia, 24053
Also an excellent video - *NIV or King James?* We have seen this video produce dramatic results!
 - **God Only Wrote One Bible**
By Jasper James Ray. The Eye Opener Publishers, Junction City, Oregon, 97448
 - **The King James Bible Defended**
 - **Believing Bible Study**
By Edward F. Hills. The Christian Research Press, P.O. Box 2013, Des Moines, Iowa, 50310
 - **Let's Weigh the Evidence** (An easy to read primer on the bible versions issue. Very informative.)
By Barry D. Burton. Chick Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 3500, Ontario, CA., 91761-1019
 - **If The Foundations Be Destroyed** (Give this one to your NIV reading friends!)
By Chick Salliby. Word and Prayer Ministries, P.O. Box 361, Fiskdale, MA 01518-0361
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