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

Matthew 5:18 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.

The Word of God “liveth and abideth forever”. Does this mean that we still have the Word of God today?

Yes, of course it does.

“One jot or one tittle” ...sounds like God is going to preserve His Word.

Do you believe that God preserved His Word for us in the English language today?

There are many versions today who all claim to be the Bible, they all claim to be the Word of God, but are they?

The newer, modern versions claim that they are just updating the language making the Bible easier to read and easier to understand, but is that all they have done?

Some have made the argument that the King James version of the Bible was just a modernization of the language of the day from the versions that came before it so why not modernize once again?

Is this a true statement that the King James was just a modernization of the language?

My goal with this little booklet is to equip you with a very easy to use and easy to understand tool for identifying which version in the English language is the Word of God today.

Let's start with four basic questions:

1. IS THE BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD?
2. CAN THE BIBLE, AS GOD'S WORD EVER BE WRONG?
3. IF TWO DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE SAY EXACTLY OPPOSITE THINGS CAN THEY BOTH BE RIGHT?
4. IF ONE OF THEM IS WRONG CAN IT BE THE WORD OF GOD?

These are some very basic questions and they deserve some very basic answers.

Let's take them one at a time now and answer them as we ask them.

Is the Bible the Word of God?

I believe that it is!

Can the Bible, as God's Word ever be wrong?

I do not believe so if it is God's Word then it cannot be wrong.

If two versions say "opposite" or "different" things can they both be right?

The answer is an obvious NO.

If one of them is wrong can it be the Word of God?

Again, the answer is an obvious NO.

So, on our first question of whether or not the modern versions simply updated the language, but is indeed the same book as the King James Bible...let's take a look at some side by side, verse by verse comparisons.

Then you decide for yourself if they say the same things or if they are different.

King James Version:

Psalm 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Psalm 10:5 **His ways are always grievous**; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

New International Version:

Psalm 10:4 In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Psalm 10:5 **His ways are always prosperous**; he is haughty and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies.

King James Version:

Psalm 29:9 **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.

New International Version:

Psalm 29:9 **The voice of the LORD**
twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And
in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

King James Version:

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

New International Version:

Proverbs 18:24 **A man of many**
companions may come to ruin, but there is a
friend who sticks closer than a brother.

King James Version:

Proverbs 26:22 The words of a talebearer
are as wounds, and they go down into the
innermost parts of the belly.

New International Version:

Proverbs 26:22 The words of a gossip
are like choice morsels; they go down to a
man's inmost parts.

King James Version:

I Corinthians 11:16 But if any man seem
to be contentious, we have no such custom,
neither the churches of God.

New International Version:

I Corinthians 11:16 If anyone wants to
be contentious about this, we have no other
practice—nor do the churches of God.

King James Version:

Hosea 11:12 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.

New International Version:

Hosea 11:12 Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, the house of Israel with deceit. And Judah is unruly against God, even against the faithful Holy One.

King James Version:

Colossians 2:18 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,

New International Version:

Colossians 2:18 Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.

King James Version:

Jeremiah 51:3 Against him that bendeth **let the archer bend his bow**, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.

New International Version:

Jeremiah 51:3 **Let not the archer string his bow**, nor let him put on his armor. Do not spare her young men; completely destroy her army.

King James Version:

Genesis 27:39 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;**

New International Version:

Genesis 27:39 His father Isaac answered him, "**Your dwelling will be away from the earth's richness, away from the dew of heaven above.**"

King James Version:

Ecclesiastes 8:10 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.

New International Version:

Ecclesiastes 8:10 Then too, I saw the wicked buried—those who used to come and go from the holy place and receive praise in the city where they did this. This too is meaningless.

King James Version:

Job 16:20 My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.

New International Version:

Job 16:20 My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God;

King James Version:

Proverbs 25:23 **The north wind driveth away rain**: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

New International Version:

Proverbs 25:23 **As a north wind brings rain**, so a sly tongue brings angry looks.

The comparisons listed in this booklet are just a small number of the overall comparisons that we could have listed.

We have not explained the doctrinal differences in the verses, but instead have left you to determine for yourself if there are doctrinal differences in the passages mentioned.

The key then when looking at the differences in the passages is to determine which doctrinal stance best matches what we know to be the Bible's stance on any given comparison. The stance that doesn't match the rest of what we already know to be Scriptural must then be thrown out as wrong and if it is wrong...then we already know that it isn't Bible!

As we said in the beginning – IF THEY SAY OPPOSITE THINGS CAN THEY BOTH BE RIGHT...IF ONE IS WRONG CAN IT BE THE WORD OF GOD???

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Acts 18:11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

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

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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