

THE BATTLE RAGES ON

Today, the New Testament church must constantly battle the attack of the modern versions on God's Word. This continues to be one of the most important conflicts facing Christians. *"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3).* This battle began in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3 reveals the first attack on the Word of God by Satan. He changed doctrine, cast doubt and called God a liar. Sadly, the outcome was the fall of man and sin entered into the world. *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12).*

As mentioned in the above paragraph, the first modern version made its debut in the Garden of Eden, when Satan succeeded in selling the first revised edition of God's Word to Eve. She should have rejected the modern version presented to her and clung to the pure Word of God. In 2 Timothy 2:3, Paul encouraged Timothy, *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"*.

Many pastors, evangelists, teachers, and Christians have ignored the dangers of the modern versions, and have knowingly and unknowingly abandoned true, solid, pure Bible doctrine. Many are unaware of the terrible deceptions that come from these perversions. Christian—beware: heed the warnings of God's Word.

The Bible should not be treated like any other book. It is the inspired and preserved Word of God. *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)*

"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.” (Hebrews 4:12)

In these days of rapid change, deception, and crumbling spiritual foundations, what a blessing it is to be reminded of the many precious promises that are found in His Word. Our Heavenly Father assures us He wrote only one Bible and He has promised that He will preserve it forever. *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”*. (Matthew 24:35)

“For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89). *“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.”* (Psalm 12:6,7)

The Authorized King James Version 1611 is God's inspired, inerrant, and preserved Word in the English tongue. There are no requirements for reading this precious Bible. One does not need to be a Hebrew or a Greek scholar to understand God's Word. When I heard the Gospel of Christ 32 years ago and got saved, I had no knowledge whatsoever of Greek or Hebrew.

Many have tried to complicate the issues by making this a battle of scholarship rather than a spiritual battle which it is. There is no faith in scholarship and most scholarship is based on human wisdom and it changes with the wind. *“For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”*
(1 Corinthians 1:19-21)

“At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto

babes.” (Matthew 11:25)

This is exactly what the enemies are striving for. This way they will be able to control the interpretation just like Rome did during the dreadful days of the Dark Ages. If we allow them to define this as an intellectual battle, we will be back in the Dark Ages. Then it will be “thus saith the scholars”, “thus saith the clergy”, rather than, “*thus saith the LORD God*”. Scripture interprets Scripture. The Bible is its own commentary. We are commanded not to take any verse of Scripture out of context! “*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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 1:20-21)

God gives a stern warning to those who add to His Word and to those who remove from God’s Word.

“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)

Ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that God the Holy Spirit is the author of God’s Word as I read in 2 Peter 1:21? “*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. Do I believe God when He tells me in Psalm 138:2b that He has magnified His Word above His name? “*...for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*”
3. Do I believe God when He tells me in Psalm 12:6-7 that He has

preserved His Word? *“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.”*

4. Do I believe the Lord Jesus Christ when He said in John 17:17, *“...thy word is truth”* ?

5. Do I believe John 16:13-14 where I am told that the Holy Spirit will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ? *“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. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”*

If you answered yes to these questions, then how can you believe that the modern versions are the work of the Holy Spirit? How glorifying is it to deny the deity of Christ, to remove the blood of Christ, and to change the meaning of Bible doctrines? The attack on God's Word did not end at the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. The battle still rages on today with even greater intensity. Many so called born again, Bible believers who are defending their use of the modern versions (such as the New International Version, the American Standard, the New King James, the New American Standard—Roman Catholic's official Bible, and the hundreds of others being published each year), are helping the enemy gain ground. Just as Satan's first edition twisted the truth found in God's Word and called our Heavenly Father a liar, these modern versions are still continuing to attack God's pure Word.

The foundation of the modern versions is based upon two corrupted Greek manuscripts - the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus. The Vaticanus was found in the Vatican Library in 1481. The Sinaiticus was found in a monastery wastebasket in 1844.

B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort joined forces and were the two main Greek scholars involved in the translation of the Vaticanus

and Sinaiticus Manuscripts. The results of this collaboration produced a different Greek New Testament text which has become the foundation of the modern versions. Their new Greek text differs from the Textus Receptus in over 5,700 places.

“The Textus Receptus from which the King James Bible was translated from is a faithful reproduction of the original manuscripts, which were penned by the writers of the Scriptures.”—Quote taken from “God’s Miracle Book”, published by The Peoples Gospel Hour.

There are many informative books and articles written about Mr. Westcott’s and Mr. Hort’s unscriptural beliefs and their preconceived notions.

My prayerful desire is that you will be able to clearly see how these modern versions deny the deity of Christ, remove the blood, and change precious Bible doctrines. I know with all assurance that when I read my King James Bible that I am reading the pure Word of God. (Psalm 12:6-7)

Faith vs. Scholarship

Many people try to define the attack on God’s Word as a battle of scholarship rather than what it is, a spiritual battle. *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”* (Ephesians 6:12)

Faith is a vital part of the Christian life; we walk by faith not sight, *“The just shall live by faith”* (Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38). *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* (Romans 10:17). It is important therefore that our faith be based upon the power of God and not upon the wisdom of men. *“That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”* (1 Corinthians 2:5)

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

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God is not looking for theological scholars who are trusting in their own understanding. He is looking for those who will have faith as a child. *“Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.”* (Luke 18:17). *“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.”* (Luke 10:21)

Scholarship is based on sight and is constantly changing. There are over 200 different modern versions which all come from the same corrupt manuscripts and are based on the Westcott & Hort text. Each group of scholars is always claiming that his work is the latest and greatest. God's Word has a lot to say about scholarship. *“For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye*

see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;” (1 Corinthians 1:19-27).

Is your faith based upon the wisdom of men instead of in the power of God? If so, you *“shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.”* (Matthew 7:26, 27). *“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 3:11)

Moses and the Apostle Paul are two perfect examples of scholars who forsook the wisdom of men that they might *“count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus”*. It took forty years in the desert for God to get the wisdom of Egypt out of Moses, and Paul spent three quiet years learning the things of God. Neither man was able to be used of God until he was willing to forsake the wisdom of man.

“And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. (Acts 7:22). By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (Hebrews 11:24-27). 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.” (Acts 7:30)

The Holy Spirit reveals Paul's upbringing and ivy league education that he received before his conversion. *“Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh*

that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,” (Philippians 3:4-8). *“Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people,...”* (Acts 5:34). *“I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.”* (Acts 22:3)

“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. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went I up to

Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.” (Galatians 1:6-18). By faith Moses and the Apostle Paul believed God.

Acts 4:13 reveals the sad condition of those who would rather hold onto the traditions of men than to accept by faith the things of God. *“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”* The phrase *“unlearned and ignorant”* conveys a very negative quality, literally meaning illiterate ignoramuses. These self proclaimed scholars have the same sentiment for those who want to believe God and His Word, rather than to accept their unbiblical scholarly teachings. The New International Version (NIV) downplays this by replacing the phrase with *“unschooled, ordinary men”*, which expresses a totally different meaning.

Deception is one of the many different methods used by the translators of the NIV. They accomplish this by changing certain words and phrases with other words and phrases that may sound the same but convey a totally different meaning. To the casual observer this may seem insignificant and nothing to get alarmed about. That is exactly what they are counting on: Christians asleep, not paying attention, not studying the Word of God, and not willing to sound the trumpet. These deceptive changes and omissions are by design, to aid them in their quest for promoting their message of religious unity. The hidden New Age agenda behind the modern versions is a call for unity with the different religions of the world, regardless of their different doctrinal positions. Dr. Henry Ockenga, known as the “Father of New Evangelicalism”, echoed the same sentiments when he stated the following: “New Evangelicalism, has changed its strategy from one of separation to one of infiltration”. Fellowshiping, working together and embracing each other’s religious views should not be based on doctrine, but rather on common ground.

This common ground is more on social concerns rather than Biblical concerns and this teaching is contrary to the Word of God. We are commanded to separate from false teachers (Romans 16:17), from those who commit the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11), and from disobedient brethren (2 Thessalonians 3:6). Also we are commanded to be a separated people unto God (2 Corinthians 6:14-16).

Sound Biblical doctrine does two things: it separates and it unites. It separates those who do not hold to pure Bible doctrines (Luke 12:51-53), and it binds together those of like precious faith.

In the Bible, the phrase “*with one accord*” is used 5 times in the book of Acts, chapters 1 through 5 (11 times in the entire book of Acts). The NIV does not use this phrase at all but replaces it with the word “together” which conveys a totally different meaning.

*“These all continued **with one accord** in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”* (Acts 1:14 KJV).

“They all joined **together** constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.” (Acts 1:14 NIV).

The meaning behind “*with one accord*” does not refer to individuals coming together to accomplish a certain goal. The phrase “*with one accord*” in Acts 1:14 KJV shows that “*These all*”, the 120 in the upper room, were able to continue in prayer because they were “*with one accord*”. They were of one mind and of one doctrine, in complete unity and fellowship. They all had the same doctrinal stand which governed their behavior, their values and their manner in which they lived. This fellowship which is conveyed by the phrase “*with one accord*” is based upon their doctrinal stand. “*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*” (Acts 2:42). There can be no Christian fellowship if

we are not “*with one accord*”. “*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*” (Amos 3:3). One of the meanings of the word “*accord*” is a harmonious union of sounds.

The phrase “They all joined together” in Acts 1:14 NIV does not convey the same meaning. The meaning it conveys is the assembling together that is not a harmonious union of sounds. The people of the world assembled to worship the golden image of King Nebuchadnezzar (read Daniel 3). The assembling together for this one event to achieve the one goal was not one of a harmonious union of sound. That is what Nebuchadnezzar was hoping to achieve but you cannot have true harmonious unity without correct doctrine that is based on the pure Word of God.

I would like to encourage you to look up the following verses: Acts 2:1; 2:46; 4:24; 5:12; 7:57; 8:6; 12:20; 15:25; 18:12; 19:29.

In 2 Timothy, which is one of the Pastoral Epistles, the Holy Spirit gives a solemn command to preach the Word of God. We are to exhort with longsuffering and doctrine.

The NIV translators changed the word “*doctrine*” with the phrase “*careful instruction*”. There is a big difference between doctrine and careful instruction. There is no question on what the word “*doctrine*” is referring to. It is settled! There is no room for any misinterpretations. The NIV opens the floodgates for all kinds of confusion. What does careful instruction mean? Dear reader, God is not the author of confusion!

*“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and **doctrine**.”* (2 Timothy 4:2 KJV)

“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and **careful instruction**.” (2 Timothy 4:2 NIV)

Have you ever taken the time to read the preface of the modern

versions? Reading from the preface of the New International Version, Copyright 1978 by the New York Bible Society and published by Zondervan Bible Publishers, I was able to obtain a partial list of the different denominations that had part in the translation. The list consists of: “Anglican, Assemblies of God, Baptist, Brethren, Christian Reformed, Church of Christ, Evangelical Free, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Wesleyan and other churches”.

I find it hard to believe that these denominations, which differ greatly from one another in doctrine, are able to come together to produce this translation without injecting any tradition, bias or compromise. How can a blood washed, born again Bible believer work with those who do not hold to the Biblical doctrine of salvation? How can the Baptists work with the Lutherans? The Lutherans do not believe that one is saved by grace through faith in the finished cross work of Jesus Christ. They hold to their dogma that one is saved by infant baptism. By omitting verse 37 from Acts 8 could that be why the Lutherans agreed to cooperate with the Baptists?

“And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 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.” (Acts 8:36-37 KJV)

“As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" 37 omitted. (Acts 8:36 –no 37 NIV)

The differences between these groups are endless. How can a blood washed, born again Bible believer allow a professed lesbian to have a part in the translation of the Bible? Dr. Virginia Mollenkott, who was one of the 14 literary critics and consultants who took part in the NIV translation, is a known lesbian and has written many books on the subject. Was it because of her influence that the NIV completely removes the word “sodomite”

and replaced it with the phrase “male shrine prostitutes”? The word sodomite appears five times in the King James Bible: Deuteronomy 23:17; 1 Kings 14:24; 1 Kings 15:21; 1 Kings 22:46; 2 Kings 23:7. God did not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of the male shrine prostitutes.

It is obvious that the NIV and the other modern versions are not the pure Word of Almighty God. I am amazed that Bible believing Christians accept the NIV and the modern perversions as God’s Word. Please read Romans 1:17-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Corinthians 2:14.

The Word of God warns us that “...*behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.*” (Numbers 32:23). “*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*” (1 Corinthians 2:14)

Attacking the Lord Jesus Christ

The modern versions attack the fundamental Bible doctrines that pertain to the Lord Jesus Christ, His deity, His redemptive work, and His virgin birth.

The Holy Spirit reveals to us Satan’s many methods used to attack God’s Word. The first attack is found in Genesis chapter 3, where Satan started his all-out assault on the Word of God. Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) started his sly attack by first planting the seed of doubt and questioning God’s Word. “*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*” (Genesis 3:1).

Satan knew the truth and the exact words that God said. “*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of*

good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Genesis 2:16, 17). “*And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*” (Genesis 3:2-3). His response to the answer was meant to intimidate Eve and in so doing he accused God of lying. “*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*” (Genesis 3:4, 5)

Notice the craftiness and deceitfulness of the evil one’s answer, which was designed to beguile Eve. Satan tempted Eve with his own sin, the desire to be like the most High God (read Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14).

This is exactly how the modern versions attack and treat the Word of God. Like Eve, many cannot see the dangers of the modern versions.

The Apostle Paul warned the dear saints at Thessalonica about counterfeit writings that were being circulated pertaining to the day of Christ. “*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*” (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

In Matthew 4:6 the devil quotes Psalm 91:11 and 12 but he misquotes it and omits important words. “*And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*” (Matthew 4:6). Notice the words “**to keep thee in all thy ways**” are omitted, which conveys a different interpretation of the verse.

“For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.” (Psalm 91:11, 12). These are just a few of the methods Satan uses to attack the Word of God and are evident in the false versions.

The modern versions are guilty of blasphemy and attacking the glorious gospel of Christ.

*“And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.**”* (Genesis 22:8 KJV)

*“And Abraham said, **God will provide for Himself the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son.”* So the two of them walked on together.” (Genesis 22:8 NAS)

Just a casual reading of these verses does not indicate something is biblically wrong. That’s the problem with some Christians. They read their Bibles in a casual manner. They ignore God’s command to STUDY the Word of God. *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* (2 Timothy 2:15)

They also ignore God’s warning pertaining to the proper interpretation of Scripture. All Scripture must harmonize and we must compare Scripture with Scripture, not taking any one verse out of context. *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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 1:20-21)

The Word of God states that *“God will provide himself a lamb”* (KJV). The New American Standard (NAS) takes out *“My son”* and adds the word *“for”* which completely changes the meaning of this precious verse, indicating that a holy and righteous God provided a sacrifice for Himself, which is blasphemy. There is a major doctrinal difference between what

the Bible says, *“God will provide himself a lamb”* and the NAS translation, *“God will provide for Himself a lamb”*. Just a small subtle addition of the word “for” placed between *“provide”* and *“himself”* changes the whole meaning.

“God will provide himself a lamb” (KJV), is a reference pointing to the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s spotless Lamb, going to Calvary’s cross to pay that great sin debt for the sins of the world. This verse perfectly harmonizes with the rest of Scripture. It proves that Jesus Christ is God and the great price that was paid by Him for man at Calvary. Also it confirms the sinless perfection of Jesus. Read these following verses: John 1:1; John 3:16; Acts 20:28; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Timothy 3:16; and 1 Peter 1:18-19. Genesis 22:8 harmonizes so perfectly with God’s plan of salvation which is echoed throughout the whole Bible, from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 KJV).

Another illustration of how the modern versions attack and blaspheme the Lord Jesus Christ is found in Isaiah 14:12.

“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!” (Isaiah 14:12 KJV).

“How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!” (Isaiah 14:12 NIV)

The word “Lucifer” appears only once in the Bible and that is in Isaiah 14:12. Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 give us the details of the fall of Satan who was in his original creation, Lucifer, an anointed cherub. In Isaiah 14:13-14 we see the five “I will’s” of Lucifer, who was lifted up with pride and tried to exalt his throne

above the stars of God.

It is this verse and this verse only that links Lucifer with Satan revealing that the devil is a created being with a specific beginning. Isaiah 14:12 also reveals his true desires to be worshipped and to be like the most High God. Satan is working overtime trying to hide this information. Praise God he is fighting a losing battle and no matter how hard he tries, he will never be able to change God's Word. We have God's promises on that! *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."* (Matthew 24:35). *"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."* (Psalm 119:89). *"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."* (Psalm 12:6-7)

Satan, with the aid of the modern version translators in his attack on the Lord Jesus Christ, once again is guilty of blasphemy. The translators of the NIV replaced "*Lucifer*" with the title "morning star". To those of you who are beguiled by the modern versions you might not see the deception here. If one studies the Word of God, comparing Scripture with Scripture, you will notice that in Revelation 22:16 this title "*morning star*" applies only to the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son. *"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."* (Revelation 22:16). The New International Version is attacking both the deity and character of Christ. It is obvious what meaning the NIV is conveying. As mentioned in the previous chapter, take note of the different team members who were involved in the translation of the modern versions and pay close attention to their religious affiliations. You will be quite surprised!

What some people don't understand is when the modern versions deny and attack fundamental Bible doctrines of the faith, they are calling God a liar. How can any born again Bible believing Christian believe that the modern versions are the pure

Word of God? There is no way that God the Holy Spirit would attack or deny the deity and the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout the Bible the Holy Spirit teaches the Biblical doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ. However, the NIV and the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) deny this precious truth.

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15 KJV)

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15 NIV)

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15 NRSV)

This is the first preaching of the gospel; God’s promise of a Saviour. God declares that it will be through the seed of the woman that redemption will come. *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,”* (Galatians 4:4 KJV). *“But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”* (Matthew 1:20-23 KJV)

There is a major difference between the seed of the woman and the offspring of the woman. The human race is from the seed

of a man. Only Jesus was born from the seed of a woman indicating *“a virgin shall conceive and bear a son”*. A miracle of God! By changing the word to “offspring” it denies the virgin birth and takes away the miracle. All of mankind is an offspring of a woman, but not the seed of a woman.

Satan knew exactly what God meant by the seed of the woman. We can see how Satan tries to counterfeit this in establishing the mother and child worship which is the foundation of the pagan Babylonian religious system. The late Alexander Hislop, in his book, “The Two Babylons” covers this counterfeit system in great detail.

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14 KJV)

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14 RSV)

There is a tremendous difference between a young woman conceiving and bearing a child and a virgin conceiving and bearing a child. This was a one time occurrence. A miracle! There is nothing miraculous about a young woman conceiving and bearing a child. That is how the human race procreates. Let us use a little common sense. What kind of sign was the Lord giving to the children of Israel by saying a young woman shall conceive and bear a son? How were they able to distinguish or even look for this sign when there were literally thousands if not millions of young women conceiving and bearing male children? A virgin conceiving and bearing a son is definitely a miracle sign from the LORD!

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house,

neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” (2 John 9-11 KJV)

What do the modern versions have against the gospel of Christ?

*“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.” (Romans 1:16 KJV)*

“I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.” (Romans 1:16 NIV)

“What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.” (1 Corinthians 9:18 KJV)

“What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it.” (1 Corinthians 9:18 NIV)

The Bible states it is the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation. *“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJV).*

The modern versions are promoting ecumenicalism by removing “*the gospel of Christ*” from both Romans 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 9:18, then replacing that whole phrase with “the gospel”. There is a huge difference between “*the gospel of Christ*” and “the gospel”. The Holy Spirit is being very specific

in this verse, by stating *“the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;”*. Therefore, there is no confusion, when the Apostle Paul mentions the gospel, it is crystal clear that he is referring to the gospel of Christ.

The modern versions, by removing “of Christ” from Romans 1:16, opens the door to confusion. What gospel? All the different religions of the world have their own gospel (*“Which is not another”*), but only the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Only by believing the gospel of Christ is one saved. *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* (Acts 4:12 KJV)

The Holy Spirit gives us a solemn warning about those who preach not the gospel of Christ. *“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. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”* (Galatians 1:6-9 KJV)

The following verses confirm that the modern versions are in full agreement with the Jehovah’s Witness teachings, denying that Jesus Christ is God and that the Holy Trinity does not exist.

*“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.”* (1 Timothy 3:16 KJV)

*“Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: **He appeared in a body**, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”* (1 Timothy 3:16 NIV)

Who is “He” referring to in the NIV?

There is no confusion in the KJV that it was God who was manifested in the flesh. This is another indication that the modern versions are not the Word of God, for God is not the author of confusion. God’s Word states that God was manifested in the flesh, confirming that Jesus Christ is God!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1 KJV). “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.” (John 1:14 KJV)

The Bible verses in 1 John 5:6-8 prove beyond any shadow of a doubt the existence of the Holy Trinity. Observe how the NIV translators completely change these verses to support the Jehovah’s Witness teachings pertaining to the denial of the Holy Trinity.

“This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.” (1 John 5:6 KJV)

“This is the one who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.” (1 John 5:6 NIV)

*“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: **and these three are one.**” (1 John 5:7 KJV)*

“For there are three that testify:” (1 John 5:7 NIV)

*“And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: **and these three agree in one.**” (1 John 5:8 KJV)*

“the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.” (1 John 5:8 NIV)

The differences are so obvious! The modern versions are misleading and denying the existence of the Holy Trinity. They also have a problem with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:” (Colossians 1:14 KJV).

“in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:14 NIV)

The NIV once again is guilty of attacking the deity of Christ.

“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.” (John 3:16 KJV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIV)

John 3:16 is usually the first verse most born again believers memorize. When the translators decided to replace the word “*begotten*” with the phrase “one and only”, they not only attacked the deity of Jesus Christ but they changed the whole meaning of the verse.

In John 1:12 we read, “*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:*” (KJV). The term “*sons of God*” refers to believers, but the word “*begotten*” is a very special word, denoting deity. All those who are born again are the sons of God. The phrase “*his only begotten Son*” refers only to the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son.

Abraham had at least eight sons. His first son Ishmael was born of the bondwoman Hagar. His second son Isaac was the son of promise, born from his wife Sarah. After the death of Sarah, Abraham took another wife, Keturah and she bore him six sons. Only Isaac was referred to as his begotten son, indicating one of a kind. Even though all eight were the sons of Abraham, only Isaac was the son of promise.

I did not use any historical or scientific data in this writing. I used only the Word of God. Believers are to live by faith. If God's Word alone cannot persuade you, then all the scientific and historical data in the world will be of no benefit. Faith is based on God's Word. "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" (Romans 10:17). How much scientific data did you need to believe John 3:16? God gave His Word and has promised to preserve His Word forever as stated in Psalm 12:6, 7.

A dear Christian Sunday School teacher would sing this song to her class.

God in heaven gave His Word
And He said it is preserved
Heaven and earth shall pass away
Not My Words they're here to stay
God wrote one Bible, God wrote one Bible
God wrote one Bible and it has no mistakes.

Jesus said three times "*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*" (Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33).

Dear reader, we have God's preserved, inspired Word, the King James 1611, and it has no mistakes. Amen!