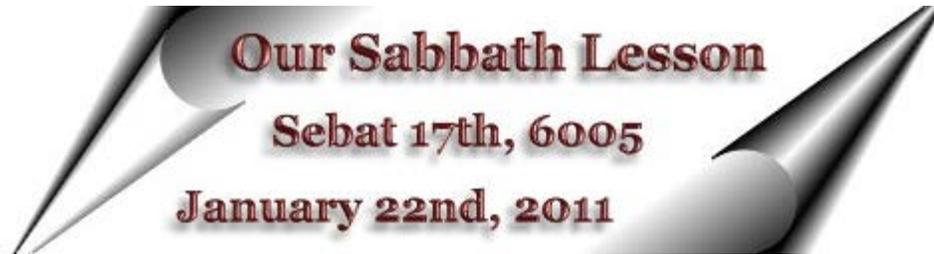


## YAHWEH, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, IS WITH US!

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins...”  
( [Isaiah 58: 1](#) )



## A Solemn Warning!

**Reading:**  
Amos Chapter 8

### Introduction

This is so important an issue that I will again quote from Edward F Hills' book **The King James Version Defended** pages 218-219 “But, someone may reply, even if the King James Version needs only a few corrections, why take the trouble to make them? Why keep on with the old King James and its 17th century language, its thee and thou and all the rest? Granted the Textus Receptus is the best text but why not make a new translation of it in the language of today? In answer to these objections there are several facts which must be pointed out...

Proverbs 6: 16: *“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:  
17: A **proud look**, a **lying tongue**, and **hands that shed innocent blood**,  
18: An **heart that deviseth** wicked imaginations, feet that be **swift in running to mischief**,  
19: A false witness that **speaketh lies**, and he that **soweth discord** among brethren.”*

### 1. In the First place

The English of the King James Version is not the English of the early 17th century. To be exact, it is not the type of English that was ever spoken anywhere. **It is biblical English**, which was not used on ordinary occasions even by the translators who produced the King James Version. As H Wheeler Robinson (1940) pointed out, one need only compare the preface written by the translators with the text of the their translation to feel the difference in style. And the observations of W A Irwin (1952) are to the same support. The King James Version, he reminds us, owes its merit, not to 17th century English - which was very different - but to its faithful translation of the original. **Its style is that of the Hebrew and of the New Testament Greek**. Even in their use of **thee** and **thou** the translators were not following 17th century English usage but **biblical usage**, for at the time these translators were doing their work these singular forms had already been replaced by the plural **you** in polite conversation.

2 Corinthians 10: 12: *“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they **measuring** themselves by themselves, and **comparing** themselves among themselves, are not wise.”*

## 2. In the Second place

Those who talk about translating the Bible into the **language of today** never define what they mean by their expression. What is the language of today? The language of 1881 is not the language of today, nor the language of 1901, nor even the language of 1921. In none of these languages, we are told, can we communicate with today's youth. There are even some who feel that the best way to translate the Bible into the language of today is to convert it into folk songs. Accordingly, in some contemporary youth conferences and even worship services there is little or no Bible reading but only crude kinds of vocal music accompanied by vigorous keyboard, drums, and strumming guitars. But in contrast to these absurdities the language of the King James Version is enduring diction which will remain as long as the English language remains, in other words, throughout the foreseeable future.

Acts 20 28: *“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.  
29: For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves** enter in among you, not sparing the flock.  
30: **Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**  
31: **Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.”***

## 3. In the Third place

The current attack on the King James Version and the promotion of modern-speech versions is discouraging the memorization of the Scriptures, especially by children. Why memorize or require your children to memorize something that is out of date and about to be replaced by something new and better? And why memorize a modern version when there are so many to choose from? Hence even in conservative churches children are growing up densely ignorant of the holy Bible because they are not encouraged to hide its life-giving words in their hearts.

Mark 4: 13: *“And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?  
14: The sower soweth the word.  
15: And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, **Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.**  
16: And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;  
17: And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, **immediately they are offended.**  
18: And these are they which are sown among thorns; **such as hear the word,**  
19: And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.”*

## 4. In the Fourth place

Modern-speech Bibles are unhistorical and irreverent. The Bible is not a modern, human book. It is not as new as the morning newspaper, and no translation should suggest this. If the Bible were this new, it would not be the Bible. On the contrary, the Bible is an ancient, divine Book, which nevertheless is always new because in it God reveals Himself. Hence the language of the Bible should be **venerable** as well as **intelligible**, and the King James Version fulfils these two requirements better than any other Bible in English. Hence it is the King James Version which converts sinners soundly and makes of them diligent Bible students.

1 John 1: 8: *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

*9: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*10: If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”*

## 5. In the Fifth place

Modern-speech Bibles are unscholarly. The language of the Bible has always savoured of the things of heaven rather than the things of earth. It has always been **biblical** rather than **contemporary** and **colloquial**. Fifty years ago this fact was denied by E J Goodspeed and others who were publishing their modern versions. On the basis of the papyrus discoveries which had recently been made in Egypt it was said that the New Testament authors wrote in the everyday Greek of their own times. This claim, however, is now acknowledged to have been an exaggeration. As R M Grant (1963) admits, the New Testament writers were saturated with the Septuagint and most of them were familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. Hence their language was not actually that of the secular papyri of Egypt but **biblical**. Hence New Testament versions must be **biblical** and not contemporary and colloquial like Goodspeed's version.

Jude: 3: *“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.*

*4: For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*5: I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.”*

Jude: 12: *“These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;”*

Jude: 16: *“These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.”*

## 6. In the Sixth place

The King James Version is the historic Bible of English-speaking Protestants. Upon it God, working providentially, has placed the stamp of His approval through the usage of many generations of Bible-believing Christians. **Hence, if we believe in God's providential preservation of the Scriptures, we will retain the King James Version, for in doing so we will be following the clear leading of the Almighty.”** G3)

2 Peter 1: 19: *“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

*20: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*

*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.”*

## 7. In the Seventh place ... A Solemn Warning!

**In the closing chapter of his book The King James Version Defended, Edward F Hills pens this solemn warning. We all do well to take heed.**

**“In regard to Bible versions many contemporary Christians are behaving like spoiled and rebellious children. They want a Bible version that pleases them no matter whether it pleases God or not. 'We want a Bible version in our own idiom,' they clamor. 'We want a Bible that talks to us in the same way in which we talk to our friends over the**

telephone. We want an informal God, no better educated than ourselves, with a limited vocabulary and a taste for modern slang.' And having thus registered their preference, they go their several ways. Some of them unite with the modernists in using the **R.S.V.** or **N.E.B.** Others deem the **N.A.S.V.** or the **N.I.V with its latest revision being published in 2011** more evangelical. Still others opt for the **T.E.V.** or the **Living Bible**. Others say the **NLT** is to be used during meditation or personal devotions.

Galatians 1: 6: *"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:*

*7: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would **pervert the gospel of Christ.***

*8: 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.***

*9: 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.***

*10: 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.***

*11: But I certify you, **brethren,** that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.*

*12: For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, **but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**"*

**But God is bigger than you are dear friend, and the Bible version which you must use is not a matter for you to decide according to your whims and prejudices.** It has already been decided for you by the workings of God's special providence. If you ignore this providence and choose to adopt one of the modern versions, you will be taking the first step in the logic of unbelief. For the arguments which you must use to justify your choice are the same arguments which unbelievers use to justify theirs, the same method. If you adopt one of these modern versions, you must adopt the naturalistic New Testament textual criticism upon which it rests. In other words, naturalistic textual criticism regards the special, **providential preservation** of the Scriptures as of no importance for the study of the New Testament text. But if we concede this, then it follows that the **infallible inspiration** of the Scriptures is likewise unimportant. For why is it important that God should **infallibly inspire** the Scriptures, if it is not important that He should **preserve them by His special providence?**

2 Timothy 3: 12: *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

*13: **But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.***

*14: But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, **knowing of whom thou hast learned them;***

*15: And that from a child thou hast known **the holy scriptures,** which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

*16: All scripture is given by **inspiration of God,** and is profitable for **doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction** in righteousness:"*

Where, oh where, dear brother or sister, did you ever get the idea that it is up to you to decide which Bible version you will receive as God's holy Word? **As long as you harbour this false notion, you are little better than an unbeliever.** As long as you cherish this erroneous opinion, you are entirely on your own. For you the Bible has no authority, only that which your rebellious reason deigns to give it. For you there is no comfort, no assurance of faith. Cast off, therefore, this carnal mind that leads to death! Put on the spiritual mind that leads to life and peace! Receive by faith the true Text of God's Holy Word, which has been **preserved** down through the ages by His special providence and now is found in the **Masoretic Hebrew** text, the **Greek Textus Receptus**, and the **King James Version** and other faithful translations." (Ref: G4)

1 Corinthians 3: 1: *"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, **but as unto carnal,** even as unto babes in Christ.*

*2: I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, **neither yet now are ye able.***

*3: **For ye are yet carnal:** for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, **are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"***

Concerning the peculiar, yea dangerous, mind-set of the Westcott and Hort followers both past and present, **Dean Burgon** wrote: “Phantoms of the imagination [That's where they begin.] henceforth usurp the place of substantial forms. Interminable doubts, - wretched misbelief, - childish credulity, - judicial blindness, - are the inevitable sequel and penalty. **The mind that has long allowed itself in a systematic trifling with Evidence, is observed to fall the easiest prey to Imposture. It has doubted what is demonstrably true: has rejected what is indubitably Divine.** Henceforth, it is observed to mistake its own fantastic creations for historical facts; to believe things which rest on insufficient evidence, or on no evidence at all.” (Ref: P2)

Psalm 12: 1: *“Help, **LORD**; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.*  
2: *They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.*  
3: *The **LORD** shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:*  
4: *Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?*  
5: *For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the **LORD**; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.*  
6: *The words of the **LORD** are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*  
7: *Thou shalt keep them, O **LORD**, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*  
8: *The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.”*

**AMEN!**

**In the Son's Name - For the Father's glory.  
Elder: Max W. Mader**

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