

## *Modern Bible Versions*

### I. Does it matter which version we use?

Note: **Pow verses are highlighted**

#### A. Does Peter's remembrance have anything to do with having an accurate version? (2Pe 1:12-2:3)

1. **2Pe 1:12-15** - Three times Peter states that "remembrance" is his goal towards the saints.
  - a. Not negligent (*careless*), and as long as I am alive (*arouse the mind*) I will put you in remembrance
  - b. Endeavor (*make speed or haste*) that after my decease you will remember
2. **2Pe 1:16-18** - Peter used reliable information when he made known what they needed to remember
  - a. Not cunningly devised (invented) fables. Peter's eyewitness > mythology (i.e., Mark 9:2-8)
  - b. Charge some that they teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables (1Ti 1:3-4)
3. **2Pe 1:19-21** - A more sure (firm, steadfast) word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed
  - a. Prophecy – discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God
  - b. More sure word is *a light that shineth in a dark place*, until the day dawn, and the day star arise
  - c. No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (one's own loosing), not by the will of man.
  - d. How did it come? "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the H.G.
4. **2Pe 2:1-3** - False teachers (OT false prophets = NT false teachers) infiltrate among you
  - a. They slip in damnable heresies denying the Lord that bought them (2Co 6:20, 7:23).
  - b. Destruction surrounds them & those who follow them; reproach upon heretics because of their teachings
  - c. Heresies change doctrine of the Bible, which in turn affects what God's people believe about:
    - 1) The identity, nature, & work of Jesus Christ, and the purpose of His gospel
    - 2) The nature of the kingdom of God and salvation
    - 3) The identity, purpose, & work of the church; and identity & tactics of Satan

#### B. If you were a New Ager, how would you go about fooling people to think Jesus and Satan were equal?

1. Confuse Satan and Jesus as often as possible; alter that which make Satan look bad & God look all-powerful
2. Dilute:
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>John 14:28</b>	my Father	the Father	the Father	the Father	the Father
b. <b>Act 3:26</b>	Son Jesus	servant	servant	servant	servant
c. <b>Phm 1:25</b>	our Lord Jesus	the Lord Jesus	the Lord Jesus	our Lord Jesus	the Lord Jesus
d. <b>Eph 3:14</b>	of Jesus	missing	missing	missing	missing
3. Switch:
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Mark 13:34</b>	the Son	a man	a man	a man	a man
b. <b>Luke 4:8</b>	get behind	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. <b>Luke 11:2-4</b>	in heaven &	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. <b>Is 14:12</b>	Lucifer	morning star	day star	morning star	day star
4. The Bible says that the devil is the god of this world (2Co 4:4; Eph 2:2).
  - a. Jesus said He saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven (Luke 10:18)
  - b. New Agers profess that god is not in heaven but in you.
  - c. Praying to yourself (Kenneth Copeland), demanding answer to prayer is the occult method of prayer
5. New age leaders write *Lucifer is an angel of God's love, the angel of man's inner evolution; prepares man in all ways for experiencing Christhood. Christ is the same force as Lucifer.* [Spangler - New Age Journal]
  - a. John 8:44 - Satan is also a father. Which father do people pray to who recite Luke 11:2-4?
  - b. Rev 2:28, 22:16 - Jesus is the Morning Star. Who fell, the Morning Star or Satan?
  - c. 2Pe 1:19 - Jesus is the Day Star. Who fell, the Day Star of Satan? [consistent with classical mythology]
  - d. Jehovah's Witnesses: Jesus is the archangel Michael. Mormons: Jesus is Lucifer's brother
  - e. Edgar Cayce (occult channeling): Jesus is the reincarnation of Adam. Jesus isn't God's son but one of many incarnations. "Avatar." Define Christ as the *fully realized humanity which is available to all men.*
  - f. Mohammed – "Far be it from Him that he should have a son."

### II. Ignorance is one of Satan's chief tools (Eph 6:12)

#### A. Consequences of ignorance

1. Act 3:14-17 – The Jews through ignorance denied the Holy One and killed the Prince of life
2. Act 17:23, 27-30 – The Gentiles worshipped ignorantly; a feelings based following
3. Rom 10:23 – The Jews being ignorant had not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God
4. Eph 4:17 – The Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having their understanding darkened
5. 2Pe 3:5 – Scoffers said, "Where is the promise of his coming," willingly are ignorant

**B. What does God say about our ignorance? Brethren, I would not have you ignorant of:**

1. Rom 11:25 – the mystery of partial blindness happened to Israel
2. 1Co 10:1 – the lessons to be learned from the experiences of the Israelites
3. 1Co 12:1 – spiritual gifts
4. 2Co 1:8-11 – God answering the Corinthians’ prayers in delivering Paul
5. 1Th 4:13 – the resurrection
6. 2Co 2:11 – Satan’s devices
7. 2Pe 3:8 – the meaning of time in the affairs of God

**C. Ignorance directs people’s attention away from heaven, resisting Satan, & truth**

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| 1. Heaven:           | <u>KJV</u>       | <u>NIV</u>      | <u>ESV</u>      | <u>NAV</u>       | <u>RSV</u>      |
| a. <b>Luke 12:31</b> | k. of God        | his kingdom     | his kingdom     | his kingship     | his kingdom     |
| b. <b>Mat 6:13</b>   | for thine is ... | missing         | missing         | missing          | missing         |
| c. Rev 6:14          | heaven           | sky             | sky             | sky              | sky             |
| 2. Satan:            | <u>KJV</u>       | <u>NIV</u>      | <u>ESV</u>      | <u>NAV</u>       | <u>RSV</u>      |
| a. <b>Matt 17:21</b> | this kind        | missing         | missing         | [this kind]      | missing         |
| b. <b>1Co 7:5</b>    | fasting          | missing         | missing         | missing          | missing         |
| c. Act 8:9           | bewitched        | amazed          | amazed          | held spellbound  | amazed          |
| d. Rev 2:13          | Satan’s seat     | Satan’s throne  | Satan’s throne  | Satan’s throne   | Satan’s throne  |
| 3. Truth:            | <u>KJV</u>       | <u>NIV</u>      | <u>ESV</u>      | <u>NAV</u>       | <u>RSV</u>      |
| a. <b>2Co 6:7</b>    | word of truth    | truthful speech | truthful speech | message of truth | truthful speech |
| b. <b>John 14:14</b> | ask              | ask me          | ask me          | ask me           | ask             |

**D. Keep us ignorant of salvation, judgment, conversion from sin, and our communion with God:**

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| 1. Salvation:           | <u>KJV</u>      | <u>NIV</u>     | <u>ESV</u>     | <u>NAV</u>     | <u>RSV</u>     |
| a. <b>Matt 18:11</b>    | save the lost   | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| b. Matt 19:17           | call me good    | ask about good | ask about good | ask about good | ask about good |
| c. <b>Matt 20:16</b>    | few chosen      | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| 2. Judgment:            | <u>KJV</u>      | <u>NIV</u>     | <u>ESV</u>     | <u>NAV</u>     | <u>RSV</u>     |
| a. Matt 23:14           | great damnation | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| b. <b>Mark 6:11</b>     | judgment day    | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| c. <b>Mark 9:44, 46</b> | worm/fire       | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| d. Rev 12:12            | the inhabitants | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| 3. Conversion:          | <u>KJV</u>      | <u>NIV</u>     | <u>ESV</u>     | <u>NAV</u>     | <u>RSV</u>     |
| a. <b>Matt 9:13</b>     | to repent       | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| b. Matt 16:3            | ye hypocrites   | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| c. Mark 7:16            | let him hear    | missing        | missing        | heed           | missing        |
| d. <b>Mark 10:21</b>    | take up cross   | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| 4. Communion:           | <u>KJV</u>      | <u>NIV</u>     | <u>ESV</u>     | <u>NAV</u>     | <u>RSV</u>     |
| a. <b>Matt 17:21</b>    | fast            | missing        | missing        | [fasting]      | missing        |
| b. Matt 20:7            | receive right   | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| c. <b>Mark 11:26</b>    | forgive         | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |
| d. Mark 13:33           | pray            | missing        | missing        | missing        | missing        |

### III. What devices does Satan employ when it comes to scripture?

- A. Garden tactics
  - 1. Gen 3:1 – Question a person’s understanding of God’s meaning and intent: “Hath God said...?”
  - 2. Gen 3:4 – Lie: “Ye shall not surely die.”
  - 3. Gen 3:5 – Malign God: “God doth know”...but you don’t; i.e., He’s keeping something from you.
  - 4. Gen 3:5 – Insert a murderous promise: “ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”
- B. Satan’s desire is to: bring you into bondage, exalt himself over you, devour/take you, smite your face
  - 1. Mark 4:15 – “Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word.”
  - 2. 2Co 11:3-4 – corrupt the minds of the church members: preach another Jesus; Gal 1:6-12 - another gospel
  - 3. 2Co 11:13-15 – false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ
  - 4. 2Co 11:19-20 – ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise (He’s being facetious!)
- C. Above and beyond the thee’s and thou’s are confusing; attack the Bible’s:
  - 1. accuracy (versus science, majority, political correctness ...)
  - 2. completeness (2<sup>nd</sup> testaments, boards of elders, ...)
  - 3. modern-ness (times forbad women preachers, doctors, and lawyers ...)
  - 4. translation (9000 Hebrew words do not go into 4000 English words)
- D. How do these attacks take place?
  - 1. Introduce other sources of authority (popes, confessions, catechisms, traditions, ...)
  - 2. Introduce other sources of interpretation (commentaries, former preachers, you’re too dumb, ...)
  - 3. Introduce personal revelation (God told or spoke to me, reject any and all which contradict scripture)
  - 4. Ignore (refuse to harmonize) which do not agree with beliefs (the biggest stack of verses contest)

#### IV. Consider the attacks on Jesus Christ and the truth about Him

##### A. See how Modern Versions demote Jesus

1. Change him from “Master” to “Teacher” or “Rabbi” over 46 times - John 13:13; Mark 11:21; Luke 18:18.
2. KJV sets “Rabbi”, “Master” and “Father” in reference to each other - Mat 23:8-10
3. Jesus’ Titles:
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Luke 9:57</b> , 22:31	Lord	missing	missing	missing	missing Luk 23:42
b. John 4:42	the Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Act 16:31, 19:4	Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing Luke 4:41
d. <b>Rev 22:21</b>	Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing Heb 3:1
4. Jesus’ Descriptions
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Luke 2:40	grew in spirit	became strong	became strong	grew in size	became strong
b. Luke 9:35	beloved Son	Son	Son	Son	Son
c. <b>Act 3:13</b>	His Son	His servant	His servant	His servant	His servant
d. <b>1Pe 2:6</b>	chief cornerstone	cornerstone	cornerstone	cornerstone	cornerstone
e. <b>Rev 1:11</b>	alpha/omega	missing	missing	missing	missing
5. Jesus’ Deity:
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 28:6	Lord	he	he	he	he
b. Mark 13:5-6	I am Christ	I am he	I am he	I am he	I am he
c. <b>1Co 15:47</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> man is the Lord	2 <sup>nd</sup> man	2 <sup>nd</sup> man	2 <sup>nd</sup> man	2 <sup>nd</sup> man
d. <b>1Co 16:22</b>	Jesus Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing
6. Jesus’ Sonship
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>John 3:16</b>	begotten	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. John 6:69	the Son	Holy One	Holy One	holy one	holy one
c. Php 2:6	be equal	equality grasped	equality grasped	equality grasped	equality grasped
d. <b>1Jo 4:3</b>	come in the flesh	missing	missing	missing	missing
7. Jesus’ birth
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Matt 1:25</b>	firstborn	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Luke 1:28	blessed art thou	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Luke 2:33	Joseph & mother	father & mother	father & mother	father & mother	father & mother
d. <b>Luke 2:43</b>	Joseph & mother	parents	parents	parents	parents
8. About and to Jesus
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. John 3:13	in heaven	missing	missing	[ ... ]	missing
b. John 5:16	sought to slay	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. <b>John 7:53-8:11</b>	compassion	missing	[ ... ]	[ ... ]	compassion
d. <b>Eph 3:14</b>	Father of our LJC	Father	Father	Father	Father

**B. See how Modern Versions down play Jesus' ministry**

1. What's the difference between doctrine & teaching? Teaching is defined as "that which is taught." Doctrine is defined as "that which is accepted as authoritative; a statement of ultimate concern."
2. Jesus fulfilled
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Matt 27:35</b>	Ps 22:18	no 'fulfilled'	no 'fulfilled'	no 'fulfilled'	no 'fulfilled'
b. <b>Mark 1:2</b>	Mal 3:1 & Is 40:3	no 's'	no 's'	no 's'	no 's'
c. Mark 13:14	Dan 11:31	no 'Daniel'	no 'Daniel'	no 'Daniel'	no 'Daniel'
d. <b>Mark 15:28</b>	Is 53:12	missing	missing	missing	[ ... ]
e. Luke 22:64	Is 50:6, 52:14	no 'struck face'	no 'struck face'	slapped	no 'struck'
3. Doctrine/teaching:
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>John 7:15-16</b>	doctrine	teaching	teaching	doctrine	teaching
b. Acts 13:12	doctrine	teaching	teaching	teaching	teaching
c. 1Ti 4:13	doctrine	teaching	teaching	teaching	teaching
d. 2Ti 3:10	doctrine	teaching	teaching	teaching	teaching
4. Jesus walked
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 20:22	baptized with	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. <b>Matt 25:13</b>	the Son cometh	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. <b>Luke 9:55-56</b>	save, not destroy	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. Rev 5:9-10	redeemed us	missing			
5. Jesus' atoned
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Gal 4:7</b>	an heir thru JC	an heir	an heir	an heir	an heir
b. <b>Heb 1:3</b>	by Himself	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. <b>1Pe 4:1</b>	suffered for us	suffered	suffered	suffered	suffered
d. Rev 5:9	redeemed to God	purchased for God	ransomed for God	purchased for God	ransom for God
6. Jesus' truth
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Luke 4:4</b>	every word	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Act 1:3	infallible proof	convincing proofs	proofs	convincing ways	proofs
c. <b>Rom 1:16</b>	gospel of Christ	gospel	gospel	gospel	gospel
d. Tts 3:10	heretic	cause divisions	stirs up	heretic	facious man
7. Trinity
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Eph 3:9</b>	created all by JC	created all	created all	Creator of all	created all
b. Col 2:9	Godhead	Deity	deity	deity	deity
c. <b>1Jo 5:7</b>	trinity	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. 1Jo 5:8	agree in one	in agreement	agree	one accord	agree

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**C. See how Modern Versions take the bite out of Jesus' teaching**

1. One little word
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Matt 6:10</b>	in earth	on earth	on earth	on earth	on earth
b. Matt 19:16	Master	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
c. John 4:24	a Spirit	Spirit	Spirit	Spirit	Spirit
d. <b>Rom 3:22</b>	of Christ	in Christ	in Christ	in Christ	In Jesus
e. <b>Php 4:13</b>	which	who	who	who	who
2. Concepts defined
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Matt 5:22</b>	angry w/o cause	angry	angry	angry	angry
b. <b>1Ti 6:19</b>	eternal life	truly life	truly life	life indeed	life indeed
c. 1Jo 3:16	love of God	what love is	love	love	love
3. Man's Duty
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Act 8:37</b>	believe/baptized	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. <b>2Ti 2:15</b>	study	hard work	do best	try hard	present yourself
c. 1Pe 4:14	evil spoken	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. 1Jo 4:19	love Him	love each other	love	love	love
4. Man & Jesus
 

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. <b>Act 9:5</b>	kick against	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. <b>Rev 2:15</b>	things I hate	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Rev 21:24	which are saved	missing	missing	missing	missing

**The conclusion to the whole matter:**

- Not once did we find other versions making sin, disobedience, or Satan look worse than did the KJV
- Not once did we find other versions elevating God, Jesus, or the Spirit higher than did the KJV
- Compared to the KJV other versions downplayed God's judgment, salvation, and His word.
- Deleted, changed, redefined key phrases, words, and commandments. But what version adhered to 2Co 4:2?
  - KJV: ... not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully ...
  - NIV: ... we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God ...
  - ESV: ... we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word ...
  - ASV: ... not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully ...
  - RSV: ... we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word ...