

Psalm 19 “The Law of the LORD”

Table Psalm 19:7-14

- 7 *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*
- 8 *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*
- 9 *The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*
- 10 *More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*
- 11 *Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*
- 12 *Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.*
- 13 *Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.*
- 14 *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

See Dr Ruckman’s commentary *Volume I of The Book of Psalms* pp 116-122 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 701, 784.

1. [Psalm 19:7](#). **“The law of the LORD is perfect”** as King David testifies in Psalm 119:96 **“I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.”** See the attached studies

God’s Standard

“The book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16

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Purification of **“The words of the LORD”** Psalm 12:6, 7 – Summary

“The words of the LORD...purified seven times” Psalm 12:6

The Superiority of the 1611 Holy Bible over the Greek and the Original

See for further detail www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *Seven Sevenfold Purifications of The words of the Lord, Presentational Perfection of the words of the Lord and The 1611 Holy Bible versus the Non-Extant Original.*

King David testifies to his life-changing experience of **“The Law of the LORD...converting the soul”** and today’s believer should understand the centrality of **“The Law of the LORD...converting the soul”** with respect to his very salvation. See again the attached study **The Superiority of the 1611 Holy Bible over the Greek and the Original** and note therefore the responsibility laid upon today’s believer with respect to **“the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God”** Acts 20:24 whereby to the unsaved he should be one **“Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved”** Acts 11:14.

In that sense therefore and indeed in the widest possible sense **“the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple”** for all saints to be **“...perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen”** Hebrews 13:21 **“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple”** Psalm 119:130.

2. **Psalm 19:8.** See the attached study **The Law, Commandments, Judgments, Statutes** for the Biblical definitions and distinctions between the various aspects of the law that Psalm 19:7-9 delineate. Note that King Solomon and the prophet Jeremiah reveal how Psalm 19:8 may apply to all believers.

“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life...The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath” Proverbs 6:23, 15:24.

“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts” Jeremiah 15:16.

John explains what it is to set out and to proceed on **“the way of life”** and to be **“called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts”** in accordance with Psalm 19:8 for today’s believer in 1 John 5:13 **“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.”**

3. **Psalm 19:9.** Note these admonitions with respect to **“The fear of the LORD”** Psalm 19:9 that cleanses from sin and disobedience and is an incentive to do right and thereby noting the remainder of Psalm 19:9 **“the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether”** avoid the condemnation of Romans 2:5 **“But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.”**

“Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him” Deuteronomy 13:4.

“But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God...Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people” Nehemiah 5:15, 19.

“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding” Job 28:28 together with Proverbs 15:24 **“The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.”**

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil...The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil” Proverbs 16:6, 19:23.

“But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him” Luke 12:5.

“God our Saviour...will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

“And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” 1 John 2:17.

See the following historical testimony to **“the judgments of the LORD”** Psalm 19:9, this writer’s emphases, as vividly endorsed in Psalm 36:6, 119:160 **“Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD...Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”**

*“Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman’s two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said **“the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether”** – Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address, Saturday, March 4, 1865 www.bartleby.com/124/pres32.html*



Isaiah and Jeremiah reveal how **“the judgments of the LORD”** Psalm 19:9 will in particular apply globally at the 2nd Advent and how the individual should therefore respond now.

“With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness” Isaiah 26:9.

“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD” Jeremiah 9:23-24.

Today’s believer should for now in the light of **“the judgments of the LORD”** Psalm 19:9 with Isaiah 26:9, Jeremiah 9:23-24 always keep in mind and prepare for Romans 14:10-12 **“...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”**

Today’s believer in the light of **“the judgments of the LORD”** Psalm 19:9 with Isaiah 26:9, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Romans 14:10-12 should further seek to be able to testify as Paul **“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”** 2 Timothy 4:8.

4. **Psalm 19:10.** Psalm 19:10 has application to particular aspects of **“The law of the LORD”** Psalm 19:7 that Psalm 19 lists i.e. **“The statutes of the LORD...the commandment of the LORD...the judgments of the LORD”** Psalm 19:8-9. Specific consideration is given here with respect to **“the judgments of the LORD”** as the nearest antecedent to Psalm 19:10. See again therefore the attached study **The Law, Commandments, Judgments, Statutes** showing that the Lord’s **“judgments”** are largely the punishments that He inflicts for wrongdoing e.g. disobedience to His commandments as in Leviticus 26:43 **“The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.”**

However according to **“the judgments of the LORD”** Psalm 19:9 **“When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting”** Proverbs 11:10.

Therefore **“the judgments of the LORD”** are an encouragement to **“the righteous”** and in turn **“the judgments of the LORD are...More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold”** Psalm 19:9-10 because concerning those that **“trust in uncertain riches”** 1 Timothy 6:10

and “have condemned and killed the just” James 5:6 “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you...Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days” James 5:1, 3 whereas “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33.

Moreover “the judgments of the LORD are...sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb” Psalm 19:9-10 because as King David testifies on behalf of *all* saints of *the assured outcome in answer to prayer* of “the judgments of the LORD” “I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD” Psalm 104:33-35.

5. **Psalm 19:11.** “Moreover by them is thy servant warned” is explicitly true today for “the judgments of the LORD” Psalm 19:9 with respect to how “the servant of the Lord” should minister to outsiders as Paul shows.

“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” 2 Corinthians 5:11, Colossians 1:27.

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth” 2 Timothy 2:24-25.

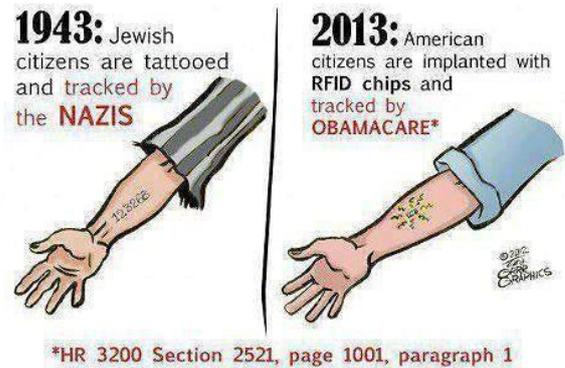
“...as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment...a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries” Hebrews 9:27, 10:27.

“...in keeping of them there is great reward” even in simply “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord” 2 Corinthians 5:11 because “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished...To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him” 2 Peter 2:9, Jude 15.

6. **Psalm 19:12.** With respect to “Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults” the answer to the question and its associated prayer is why King David prays in a manner applicable as much now to today’s believer as then to King David Psalm 139:23-24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

That is why Paul exhorts today’s believer after the manner of King David “I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love” Psalm 119:113 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

7. **Psalm 19:13.** Doctrinally and prophetically John reveals **“the great transgression”** and God’s judgement on committing it in Revelation 13:15-18, 14:9-11 **“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 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: 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. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six...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, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”**



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Noting King David’s admonition **“...I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes; I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me”** Psalm 101:2-3 Paul sets out the *spiritual* fulfilment of Psalm 19:13 for today’s believer in Romans 6:11-14, 13:14 **“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace...But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”**

8. **Psalm 19:14.** Paul sets out the spiritual fulfilment of Psalm 19:14 for today’s believer in Ephesians 4:29, Philippians 2:15 **“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers...That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.”**

Conclusion



God's Standard

“My words shall not pass away” Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33

Critics often first attack the AV1611 by accusing it of being archaic because words have ‘changed their meaning’ and need to be updated by the modern versions. That is a lie. Biblical words have not ‘changed their meaning.’ The Lord Jesus Christ said that cannot happen, Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33. Biblical words have a range of meanings as Benjamin Wilkinson has shown. See:



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Our Authorized Bible Vindicated Chapter 5 The King James Bible Born Amid the Great Struggles Over the Jesuit Version

The English language in 1611 was in the very best condition to receive into its bosom the Old and New Testaments. Each word was broad, simple, and generic. That is to say, words were capable of containing in themselves not only their central thoughts, but also all the different shades of meaning which were attached to that central thought. Since then, words have lost that living, pliable breadth. For examples see:

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php *Twist and Curl - Your Fiendly* Neighbourhood Bible Correctors* pp 63-64, 87, 89. *Not a misspelling.

- **“conversation”** means “conduct” Philippians 1:27, “behaviour” 1 Peter 3:1, “citizenship” Philippians 3:20 NASVs, NIVs, NKJV *but also that which is heard i.e. speech as well as seen, as with “Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)” 2 Peter 2:7-8.*
- **“prevent”** means “comes before” Psalms 88:13, “precede” 1 Thessalonians 4:15 NASVs, NIVs, NKJV *but also beset by trouble on all sides like David. “The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me” 2 Samuel 22:6.*
- **“quicken”** Romans 8:11 means “give life to” NASVs, NIVs, NKJV *but also to be risen from the dead with Christ to die no more, as Paul explains “Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him” Romans 6:9 and therefore “he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you” Romans 8:11 i.e. to die no more.*

The above examples are not exhaustive. See above site for many more, with more detail.

Modern Degenerative Versions

Enough examples have nevertheless been given to show that words used in modern versions typically do not have the same breadth of meaning as the equivalent AV1611 words and that modern version editors may have to resort to two or more words in order to replace a single generic AV1611 term.

What has happened therefore is that the range of meanings of Biblical words has been arbitrarily restricted to yield, at best, only the limited, often single-meaning words of modern versions as exemplified above. Note that modern version alternatives to the equivalent 1611 Holy Bible terms are often not merely restricted in meaning but in fact *wrong* in their particular contexts. Note the following examples:

- “adequate” NASVs, “complete” NKJV, OMITTED NIVs versus “**perfect**” 2 Timothy 3:17 AV1611
- “called” NASVs, NIVs versus “**sanctified**” Jude 1 AV1611
- “excellence” NASVs, “excellent” NIVs versus “**virtue**” Philippians 4:8 AV1611

See *New Age Versions* by Gail Riplinger Chapter 9 *Men Shall Be Unholy* p 161.

The aim of restricting Biblical word meanings, which may lead to error, see above, is to discredit the 1611 Holy Bible by making it seem ‘archaic,’ when it is not, as the Lord Jesus Christ promised it never would be, Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33. See opening remarks. It is the modern versions that are instead *degenerative* with respect to the range of meanings of their words. The restrictive operation has been carried out by men but it is satanic in its origin, in its objective and in its oversight, ever since Genesis 3:1 “**Yea, hath God said...?**” See *New Age Versions, The Language of the King James Bible, In Awe of Thy Word and Hazardous Materials* by Gail Riplinger for detailed proof “**Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices**” 2 Corinthians 2:11.

An information scientist would probably say that the modern alternatives to the AV1611 generic terms have suffered a loss of information in transmission. They have, and as Paul declares “**that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away**” Hebrews 8:13.

God’s Standard - “the book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16

By contrast, “the book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16 has gone “**from strength to strength**” Psalm 84:7 in its transmission from the old languages to the English language of the pre-1611 Bibles to the 1st Edition 1611 Holy Bible to the sevenfold perfected 1611 Holy Bible. That Book became *God’s standard* in time for the world-wide missionary and revival movements of the 18th-19th centuries and running up to the Lord’s Return, which is imminent. “**Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints**” Jude 14. It therefore appears that God has carried out this stage-wise *supernatural* process for the perfection of “the book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16 to show that *His* transmission of “**The words of the LORD**” Psalm 12:6 is *not* degenerative but *regenerative*. Observe the association between “**The words of the LORD**” Psalm 12:6 and “**the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual**” 1 Corinthians 2:13. These words are indeed regenerative as the following scriptures show.

“**...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word**” Ephesians 5:26.

“**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.

In sum “**This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes**” Psalm 118:23. See:

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *The purification of the Lord’s word – Psalm 12:6-7*

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *Seven Stage Purification - Oil Refinery*

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php *The Book of the LORD*

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *AV1611 Advanced Revelations* e.g. “**pictures**” Numbers 33:52, “**synagogues**” Psalm 74:8, “**tablets**” Isaiah 3:20, “**churches**” Acts 19:37

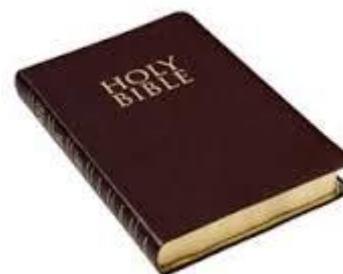
“**Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders...and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me**” Isaiah 49:22, 23. Finally:

“**And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ**” 2 Thessalonians 3:5.

“The book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16

Introduction

“The book of the LORD” is the 1611 Holy Bible. There is no other. **“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them”** Isaiah 34:16.



Practical Considerations

- The Lord has *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16, the *one* mention of that phrase in scripture.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** therefore matches the *oneness* of **“one body, and one Spirit,...one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all”** Ephesians 4:4-6.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** is for **“every man...in his own language”** Acts 2:6 insofar as **“Peter...with the eleven”** Acts 2:14 **“were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”** Acts 2:4 such that the listeners said **“hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born...we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God”** Acts 2:8, 11.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** therefore exists in many languages, *but the standard for “the book of the LORD” is the 1611 Holy Bible in English.*

See store-hicb8.mybigcommerce.com/content/bbb/2013/Aug.pdf p 6 *A Brief Analysis of Missionary Authority* by Jonathan Richmond, Bible Baptist Mission Board director.

*The espousal of a particular translation being equal to or superior to the **King James** leaves one in a precarious position in relation to Bible believers versus the Alexandrian Cult.*

*Bible believers believe that the **King James (Authorized Version)** is the perfect, inerrant words of God and is the final authority. It is the standard to which all versions and translations are compared. And since the AV is the standard, it is superior to anything and everything that is compared to it. Stated another way, nothing compared to the standard is equal to or superior to the standard. English is the standard for time, place, distance, size, quantity, volume, language, etc. When the English standard showed up, both the German and Spanish Bibles [i.e. any non-English Bible] should have been corrected and/or updated with the English.*

The Greek Textus Receptus (any edition) is not superior to English. It was an interim, early New Testament, a stepping stone to the purification of the words of God in English. The world does not speak Greek and never will again...

Jonathan Richmond concludes with a rebuke to ‘originals-onlyists’ and ‘Greekiolators’:

*So then **your** brain determines which is correct; **your** brain is the final authority; **you** have made **yourself** equal to God.*

As Gail Ripplinger has rightly said, *In Awe of Thy Word* p 956, this writer’s emphases:

*The desire to appear intelligent or superior by referring to ‘the Greek’ and downplaying the common man’s Bible, exposes a naivety concerning textual history and those documents which today’s pseudo-intellectuals call ‘the critical text,’ ‘the original Greek,’ the ‘Majority Text,’ or the ‘Textus Receptus.’ **There existed a true original Greek (i.e. Majority Text, Textus Receptus). It is not in print and never will be, because it is unnecessary. No one on the planet speaks first century Koine Greek, so God is finished with it. He needs no ‘Dead Bible Society’ to translate it into “everyday English,” using the same corrupt secularised lexicons used by the TNIV, NIV, NASB and HCSB***

[Holman Christian Standard Bible]. *God has not called readers to check his Holy Bible for errors. He has called his Holy Bible to check us for errors.*"

- The Lord's one Book, "**the book of the LORD**" is:
 - "**the book of the covenant**" Exodus 24:7, 2 Kings 23:2, 21, 2 Chronicles 34:30, "**the everlasting covenant**" Hebrews 13:20 between God and believers
 - "**thy book**" Exodus 32:32, one witness to "**the book of the LORD**"
 - "**my book**" Exodus 32:33, two witnesses, 2 Corinthians 13:1, to "**the book of the LORD**"
 - "**the book of the law of God**" Joshua 24:26, Nehemiah 8:18 i.e. "**the book of the law of the LORD**" 2 Chronicles 17:9, 34:14, Nehemiah 9:3 or simply "**the book of the law**" Joshua 8:31, 34, 2 Kings 22:8, 11, 2 Chronicles 34:15, Nehemiah 8:3, Galatians 3:10. That Book is now "**the law of Christ**" Galatians 6:2.
 - "**the book of the living**" Psalm 69:28 i.e. "**the book of life**" Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 22:19, "**the book of life of the Lamb**" Revelation 13:8, "**the Lamb's book of life**" Revelation 21:27
 - "**the book of the LORD**" Isaiah 34:16
 - "**the book of the purchase**" Jeremiah 32:12 for "**the purchased possession**" Ephesians 1:14, "**us accepted in the beloved**" Ephesians 1:6. See AV1611 Authority - Absolute www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php.

Principles of Understanding

- The Lord does *not* recognise "**many books**" Ecclesiastes 12:12 i.e. multiple *differing* translations in any one language. That is "**confused noise**" Isaiah 9:5 and "**God is not the author of confusion**" 1 Corinthians 14:33.
- The Lord has *commanded* "**Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read.**" That is, "**the book of the LORD**" not "**many books**" must be *sought after* and *read*.
- The command "**Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read**" can only be fulfilled if "**the book of the LORD**" is in "**words easy to be understood**" 1 Corinthians 14:9.
- An 'originals-onlyist' does not and never can have *one* Book to seek after and read. 'Originals-onlyism' is among the "**damnable heresies**" 2 Peter 2:1.

Permanence of "the book of the LORD"

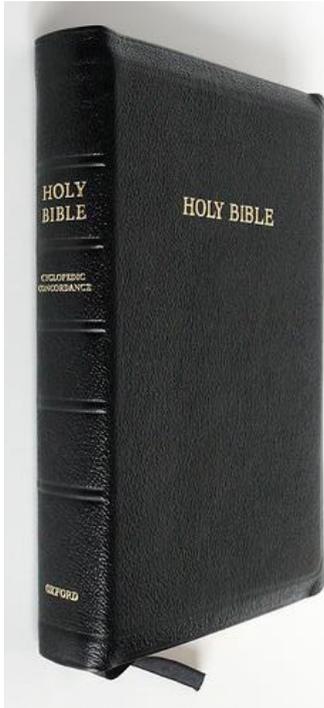
- "**no one of these shall fail**" because "**the word of the Lord endureth for ever**" 1 Peter 1:25 and is "**The words of the LORD**" Psalm 12:6. "**Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts**" Jeremiah 15:16.
- "**none shall want her mate**" because those words are "**the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual**" 1 Corinthians 2:13 i.e. cross-referencing of "**the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth**" so that the student "**might understand the scriptures**" Luke 24:45.
- "**my mouth it hath commanded**" because it is "**the word which he commanded to a thousand generations**" 1 Chronicles 16:15, Psalm 105:8 and "**the word of the Lord**" 1 Peter 1:25 is "**The words of the LORD**" Psalm 12:6 with Jeremiah 15:16 "**Thy words...thy word.**"
- "**and his spirit it hath gathered them**" because "**the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life**" John 6:63 and "**the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you**" John 14:26.

Therefore "**receive with meekness the engrafted word**" James 1:21 "**the book of the LORD**" as "**obedient children**" 1 Peter 1:14 without any "**Not so, Lord**" Acts 10:14.

AV1611 Authority - Absolute

“The book of the purchase” Jeremiah 32:12

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AV1611 authority is absolute and cannot be detracted from. All detractions, whether from modern versions or ‘the Greek’ etc., are by subversives **“which corrupt the word of God”** 2 Corinthians 2:17 because the AV1611 is **“the book of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:12 and God oversaw the purchase:

- It was initiated by **“The word of the Lord.”** **“And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me saying, Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth”** Jeremiah 32:6.
- It was confirmed by **“the right of redemption...thine to buy it...according to the word of the LORD.”** **“for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. So Hanameel mine uncle’s son came to me...according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field,...that is in Anathoth...for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine...Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD”** Jeremiah 32:7-8.

King James Bible, Oxford Brevier Edition

- It was enacted by the purchaser. **“And I bought the field of Hanameel...and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver”** Jeremiah 32:9.
- It was formalised by **“the evidence of the purchase.”** **“And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it...So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open...And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle’s son”** Jeremiah 32:10-12.
- It was underwritten by **“the book of the purchase...in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison”** Jeremiah 32:12. God covenanted the purchase and **“wrote it in a book”** 1 Samuel 10:25. The significance for the AV1611’s absolute authority is this:

Covenanted Purchase

Even if for evil, a purchase in scripture is a covenant. **“And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money”** Luke 22:5 and in scripture, not even a manmade covenant may be objected to after it has been confirmed. **“Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man’s covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto”** Galatians 3:15. That is, even **“a man’s covenant”** may not be detracted from once confirmed. Jeremiah’s covenanted purchase was delineated in five specific steps. It was initiated, confirmed, enacted, formalised and underwritten by **“the book of the purchase.”** That Book cannot be detracted from. *Neither can the AV1611.*

“The book of the purchase” and of “the purchased possession”

The AV1611 is both **“the book of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:12 and of **“the purchased possession”** as Paul explains with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ **“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is”**

the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory” Ephesians 1:13-14. Compare with Jeremiah 32:6-12:

- **“the word of truth”** Ephesians 1:13 matches **“The word of the Lord”** Jeremiah 32:6.
- **“sealed with that holy Spirit of promise”** Ephesians 1:13 matches **“subscribed the evidence, and sealed it”** Jeremiah 32:10.
- **“the earnest of our inheritance”** Ephesians 1:14 matches **“the right of inheritance”** Jeremiah 32:8 and **“the evidence of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:11.
- **“the redemption of the purchased possession”** Ephesians 1:14 matches **“the right of redemption”** Jeremiah 32:7 and **“the book of the purchase”** Jeremiah 32:12 **“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope”** Romans 15:4.

The AV1611 is both **“the book of the purchase”** and the Book of **“the purchased possession”** because it is **“the word of a king”** Ecclesiastes 8:4 *in that it is the only Bible since 1611 translated under a king and Jeremiah’s purchase was initiated by the King* **“For God is the King of all the earth”** Psalm 47:7. Note too that Ephesians is written in a Book. Note also with respect to **“the purchased possession”** that:

- **“ye are not your own...ye are bought with a price”** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
- God covenanted the purchase **“through the blood of the everlasting covenant”** Hebrews 13:20 which is **“my blood of the new testament”** Matthew 26:28.
- God **“wrote it in a book”** 1 Samuel 10:25, which in addition to being **“the book of the purchase”** and the Book of **“the purchased possession”** is also **“the book of the covenant”** Exodus 24:7, 2 Kings 23:2, 2 Chronicles 34:30.
- This Book consists of **“the old testament”** 2 Corinthians 3:14 and **“the new testament”** 2 Corinthians 3:6 and is **“the book of the law of the LORD”** 2 Chronicles 17:9, 34:14, Nehemiah 9:3 matching **“the law and custom”** Jeremiah 32:11.
- This Book is **“the royal law according to the scripture”** James 2:8¹, matching Jeremiah 32:11. Only *one* Book satisfies *all* the above conditions. *No modern version has any legitimate claim to being called royal, as Wilkinson² shows. “Twice [the 1881 revisers] had appealed to the Government in hopes that, as in the case of the King James in 1611, the King would appoint a royal commission. They were refused.”*

Detractors without Authority, “wells without water” 2 Peter 2:17

With the AV1611 as **“the book of the purchase”** and **“of the purchased possession”** its detractors are as **“wells without water”** 2 Peter 2:17. They have no *Biblical* authority to:

- Call any modern version **“the word of God”** 1 Samuel 9:27.
- Circulate any modern version as **“the word of God”** as, for example, the Gideons do.
- Convene any translating committee to set up a rival to the AV1611 *King James* Text, especially insofar as **“Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?”** Ecclesiastes 8:4. See Wilkinson’s comment above.
- Exalt anything **“in the Greek”** or **“in the Hebrew”** Revelation 9:11 over the AV1611 **“the book of the purchase”** and **“of the purchased possession.”**

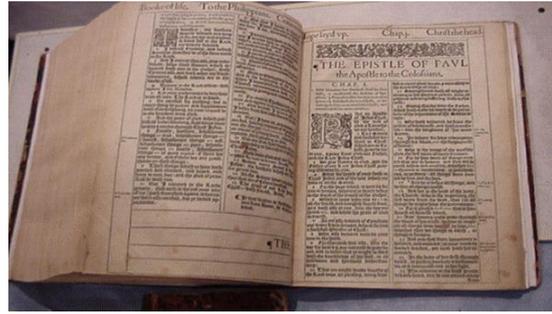
AV1611 Absolute Authority

As **“the book of the purchase”** and **“of the purchased possession”** the AV1611 has absolute authority as **“the word of a king.”** Detractors should therefore note Proverbs 16:14. **“The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.”**

Purification of “The words of the LORD” Psalm 12:6, 7 – Summary

Introduction

Philippians 2:16 states “***Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.***” Inspiration must be inviolate throughout the purification process of “*the word of life*” otherwise it is no longer “*the word of life*” and Paul and the other writers of scriptures would have run and laboured in vain. However, they did not, because “*the word of the Lord endureth for ever*” 1 Peter 1:25. An overview of God’s seven-stage purification process of “*the word of life*” follows, noting the seven-stage purification *sub-processes* embedded in the overall purification process.



The Authorized 1611 King James Holy Bible
www.learnthebible.org/king_james_bible.htm

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Historic Bibles

Dr Vance [*Bible Believers Bulletin*, February 2003, June 2006] shows that Psalm 12:6, 7 was fulfilled in history *largely with inspired translations* Genesis 2:7, 2 Samuel 3:10, Ezekiel 37:9-11, Matthew 24:35, John 6:63, Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 11:5, 1 Peter 1:23, 25:

- A received Hebrew text, 1800 BC to 389 BC
- A received Aramaic text at the same time (Genesis, Daniel, etc.)
- A received Greek text from AD 40 to AD 90
- A received Syrian text from AD 120 to AD 200
- A received Latin text from AD 150 to AD 1500
- A received German text from AD 1500 to AD 2006
- A received English text from AD 1611 to AD 2006 (2012+)

Dr Mrs Riplinger has this incisive observation from *In Awe of Thy Word* p 544, her emphases, in agreement with the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9. “***The Bible appears in many forms – such as Hebrew, Hungarian, English and Polish. The “form” of the Word seemed different at various times, yet it was still Jesus (e.g. the “fiery furnace” (Dan. 3:35), the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes” (Luke 2:12), when “She supposing him to be the gardener” (John 20:15), and when “his eyes were as a flame of fire” (Rev. 1:14). When the Word “appeared in another form,” as Jesus did, “neither believed they them” (Mark 16:12, 13). Likewise, some still dig for words in haunted Greek graveyards.***”

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Pre-English and English Bibles

Dr Mrs Riplinger [*In Awe of Thy Word*, p 33] documents the development of the seven purifications of the English Bible from its earliest inception, in fulfilment of Psalm 12:6, 7:

- The Gothic
- The Anglo-Saxon
- The Pre-Wycliffe
- The Wycliffe
- The Tyndale/Coverdale/Great/Geneva*
- The Bishops’
- The King James Bible

*The progression of the 16th century English Bibles to the King James Bible exhibits a further embedded seven purifications. See *One Book Stands Alone* by Dr Douglas Stauffer pp 282-284.

- The Tyndale 1525
- The Coverdale 1535
- The Matthew 1537
- The Great 1538
- The Geneva 1560
- The Bishops' 1568
- The King James Bible 1611

Dr Mrs Riplinger states, [*In Awe of Thy Word*, pp 539, 560ff] her emphases ““Seven” times “they purge...and purify it...” (Ezek. 43:26) – not eight. The KJV translators did **not** see their translation as one in the midst of a chain of ever evolving translations. They wanted their Bible to be one of which no one could justly say, ‘It is good, **except** this word or **that** word...’ They planned [*The Translators to the Reader*, www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm]: ““...to make...out of many good ones [Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, Great, Geneva, Bishops’], one principal good one, not justly to be excepted against; that hath been our endeavor, that our mark...the same will shine as gold more brightly, being rubbed and polished...”” In a sense God did inspire the King’s men to achieve their mark 2 Peter 1:21 as John Selden notes in *Table Talk*. ““The translation in King James’ time took an excellent way. That part of the Bible was given to him who was most excellent in such a tongue and then they met together, and one read the translation, the rest holding in their hands some Bible, either of the learned tongues [**Greek, Hebrew, Latin**], or **French, Italian, Spanish &c [and other languages]**. If they found any fault, they spoke; if not, he read on.””

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – King James Bibles

God has refined the 1611 Holy Bible through seven major editions. See *In Awe of Thy Word* p 600 and *The Hidden History of the English Scriptures* pp 49-51 by Dr Mrs Riplinger. “The only changes to the KJV since 1611 are of three types:

1. **1612:** Typography (from *Gothic* to **Roman** type)
2. **1629 & 1638:** Correction of typographical errors
3. **1762 & 1769:** Standardization of spelling.” Therefore, fulfilling Psalm 12:6, 7:

Two 1611 editions = seven stages. “**For with God nothing shall be impossible**” Luke 1:37.

Particular Purification Steps

Addition of Words

Scrivener notes in *The Authorized Edition of the English Bible (1611) Its Subsequent Reprints and Modern Representatives*, Appendices A, C, textual changes to early editions e.g. the words “**of God**” first being added to 1 John 5:12 in 1638. God oversees such changes. “**Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words**” Jeremiah 36:32.

Elimination and Alteration of Words

The NIV adds “**of Jesus**” in Acts 16:7. The Geneva Bible has “**Passover**” instead of “**Easter**” in Acts 12:4. God corrects such imperfections as illustrated by John 15:2 with respect to “**the true vine**” John 15:1, which is “**the Word of life**” 1 John 1:1, like “**the word of life**,” purging being a form of purifying. “**Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.**”

Restoration of Words

Current editions of Wycliffe’s Bible omit some scriptures e.g. the end of Matthew 6:13. God restores such omissions as illustrated by Romans 11:20, 23, AV1611. “**Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:...And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.**”

Conclusion

These purifications ensure that the AV1611 is “**the words of the LORD...pure words**” Psalm 12:6.

“The words of the LORD...purified seven times” Psalm 12:6
An Oil Refining Analogy Against AV1611 Critics



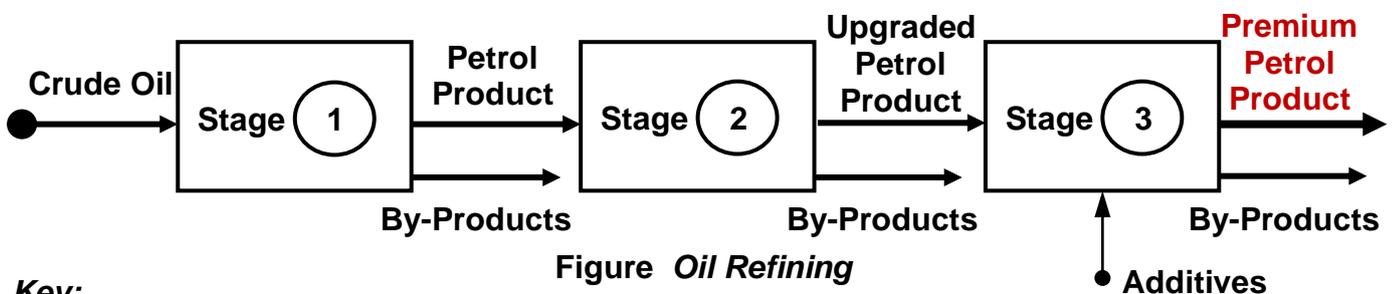
Oil Refinery Plant

AV1611 Critics

AV1611 critics deny perfection for the AV1611 by allusion to the different AV1611 Editions e.g. “*The King James Bible has gone through seven different editions...Which one can you say is “perfect”?*”³ Those critics don’t understand stage-wise processes. See this analogy:

Oil Refining – A Stage-wise Process

Oil refining⁴ is well-known. Its main product is premium grade petrol. Oil refining is complex⁵ but can be summarised in three basic stage-wise steps. See **Figure**:



Key:

Stage 1: Crude oil separation into the crude petrol product and by-products

Stage 2: Petrol product chemical upgrading and further separation

Stage 3: Final separation, additives blended to yield premium petrol product

Note: At each stage, the intermediate petrol products are perfect for the next stage according to product specifications until the final, perfect premium product is achieved.

Scripture Purification – Seven-fold Stage-wise Processes

The same principles apply to the stage-wise purifications of the Lord's words, with respect to old languages, the English language and the AV1611. Each purification is seven-fold:

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” Psalm 12:6, which itself uses an industrial analogy i.e. silver refining.

Old Languages and the English Language

Drs Vance and Riplinger⁶ have shown the seven-fold stage-wise purification of scripture:

From Old Languages:

- A received Hebrew text, 1800 BC to 389 BC
- A received Aramaic text at the same time (Genesis, Daniel, etc.)
- A received Greek text from AD 40 to AD 90
- A received Syrian text from AD 120 to AD 200
- A received Latin text from AD 150 to AD 1500
- A received German text from AD 1500 to AD 2006
- A received English text from AD 1611 to AD 2006 (2012+)

Note that the purification process, though with seven stages, was not strictly sequential. Dr Riplinger notes that Herman Hoskier identified 2nd century Greek-Latin-Syriac New Testaments in parallel⁷. Moreover, Dr Riplinger, her emphases, has stated directly to this writer that *“In Foxe’s Book of Martyrs, vol. 4, pp 671-675, Foxe quotes an old “treatise”...“Also the four evangelists wrote the gospel in divers languages, as Matthew in Judea, Mark in Italy, Luke in Achaia, and John in Asia. And all these wrote in the languages of the same countries...”*” That is, parts of the New Testament were *first* written in *different* languages and existed in *parallel* to facilitate to the utmost **“obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name...Jesus Christ”** Romans 1:5-6.

Through to the English Language:

Purification of the English scriptures was also in seven stages and more directly sequential.

- The Gothic
- The Anglo-Saxon
- The Pre-Wycliffe
- The Wycliffe
- The Tyndale/Coverdale/Great/Geneva
- The Bishops’
- The King James Bible

In these purifications of scripture, as with oil refining, each intermediate was perfect for the next stage *with no loss of inspiration*. **“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul”** Psalm 19:7. Only life begets life. *The AV1611 does that best.*

The AV1611 – Seven-fold Stage-wise Purification

This writer believes that *God then purified the AV1611 through seven major editions*⁸. Again, each intermediate product was perfect for the next stage through to full perfection.

1. **1612: Typography (from Gothic to Roman type)**
2. **1629 & 1638: Correction of typographical errors**
3. **1762 & 1769: Standardization of spelling.** Therefore, fulfilling Psalm 12:6, *two* 1611 Editions = *seven* stages in total. The critics notwithstanding therefore:

“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it” Psalm 119:140.

The Superiority of the 1611 Holy Bible over the Greek and the Original

A common refrain from the enemies of the 1611 Holy Bible is this:

The AV1611 may be tolerated but it is still inferior to “the Greek” or to “the Original.”

There are at least 8 reasons why the AV1611 is in fact superior to ‘the Greek’ - and to ‘the Original’ [*Biblical Scholarship by Dr Peter S. Ruckman Appendix 7*]:

1. The AV1611 uses “**synagogues**” in Psalm 74:8, instead of the Hebrew “*meeting places,*” showing that the reference is yet future, to the great tribulation.
2. The Pre-millennial order of the books from 2 Chronicles to Psalms in the AV1611 preserves the order of events in the history of Israel from the destruction of Jerusalem 70 A.D. to the Second Advent. This order is superior to that of the Hebrew Bible.
3. In an age ruled by the television, “**pictures**” in Numbers 33:52 is far superior to the original Hebrew of “*carved stones.*”
4. The AV1611 alone uses “**forces**” in Daniel 11:38 instead of the literal Hebrew “*fortresses.*” The AV1611 reading is superior because it is a reference to the use of electricity, Luke 10:18, the highest form of energy, especially in the tribulation. See Revelation 13:13. It virtually rules our lives now.
5. The AV1611 has “**churches**” in Acts 19:37, showing where heathen devoted to the “**queen of heaven**” Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17, 18, 19, 25 actually WORSHIP. This is far superior to the ‘original Greek,’ which gives “*temples.*”
6. The AV1611 has “**Easter**” in Acts 12:4 instead of the literal Greek equivalent “*Passover.*” Note that “**(Then were the days of unleavened bread.)**” Acts 12:3. The reading “*Passover*” is obviously wrong in the context. In addition, J. A. Moorman in *Conies Brass and Easter* p 13 states that it was Tyndale who *invented* the word *Passover* but Tyndale used the word “*Easter*” in Acts 12:4 in his New Testament. Tyndale, like the King James translators, understood the scriptures better than modern version editors and their supporters.
7. The tense of the Greek in Galatians 2:20 is “*I have been crucified*” but Luke 9:23 shows that a man is to take up the cross DAILY. The AV1611 reading, “**I am crucified**” is therefore both correct and superior to ‘the Greek.’
8. The AV1611 alone has “**corrupt**” in 2 Corinthians 2:17, where the ‘original Greek’ is “*peddle*” according to the modern revisers. The AV1611 is superior because it is warning you against modern Bible corrupters.

Insistence on ‘the Greek’ or ‘the original’ is really a violation of the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9 but fundamentalists do it all the time. They are what Spurgeon called “*little popelings*”!

See *The Greatest Fight in the World* archive.spurgeon.org/misc/gfw.php.

The Bible calls it being “**wise in your own conceits**” Romans 11:25.

Additional Note: Regenerative Translations Superior to Degenerative Originals

It should be understood that anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called and invariably undefined, over the King James English is saying that the word of God has lost information in transmission i.e. translation. Fundamentalists repeatedly say words to that effect. However, if the word of God has lost information in translation, it has degenerated. If the word of God is subject to degeneration, then anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English is saying that the Lord Jesus Christ lied when He said as recorded 3 times in scripture ***“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”*** Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33.

In addition, your salvation is predicated on the integrity and incorruptibility of ***“the word of God”*** as Peter states ***“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”*** 1 Peter 1:23. Anyone therefore who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English is saying that the apostle Peter lied because the word of God is subject to degeneration and is therefore corruptible.

Therefore your salvation is subject to degeneration and it too is corruptible.

Further, anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English is also saying that the apostle James lied when he said ***“...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls”*** James 1:21.

There’s no point because it isn’t and it won’t, according to anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English.

That is, you don’t have salvation and you can never have it, according to anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English.

That’s about as blasphemous as it gets but fundamentalists do it all the time.

You should of course be encouraged that translation is not degenerative but is always *regenerative*, an improvement over the original in scripture:

“So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba” 2 Samuel 3:9-10.

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” Colossians 1:13.

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God” Hebrews 11:5.

The Law, Commandments, Judgments, Statutes

From *Nehemiah 10, Question 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4* www.timefortruth.co.uk/bible-studies/alan-oreillys-studies.php

2. What do the four phrases used to describe the Word of God mean (*Nehemiah 10:29*)?

2.1. The Law

“The law” as *Nehemiah 10:29* indicates is ***“the law of Moses”*** mentioned 21 times in the scripture, 14 times in the Old Testament, 7 times in the New Testament; *Joshua 8:31, 32, 23:6, 1 Kings 2:3, 2 Kings 14:6, 23:25, 2 Chronicles 23:18, 30:16, Ezra 3:2, 7:6, Nehemiah 8:1, Daniel 9:11, 13, Malachi 4:4, Luke 2:22, 24:44, John 7:23, Acts 13:39, 15:5, 28:23, 1 Corinthians 9:9. “The law of Moses”* became transcribed as ***“the book of the law.”*** This expression occurs 14 times in scripture; *Joshua 8:31, 34, 23:6, 24:26, 2 Kings 14:26, 22:8, 11, 2 Chronicles 17:9, 34:15, Nehemiah 8:1, 3, 18, 9:3, Galatians 3:10. “The law”* therefore becomes a part of the scripture as the Lord Jesus Christ explained in *Luke 24:27, 44.*

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.”

2.2. The Commandments

The expression ***“the commandments”*** occurs 47 times in scripture. All but 3 occurrences, *Matthew 15:9, Mark 7:7, Colossians 2:22*, refer, in some form, to ***“the commandments of the LORD”*** as in *Nehemiah 10:29*. This particular expression occurs 24 times in scripture; *Leviticus 4:2, 13, 22, 27, 5:17, Numbers 15:39, Deuteronomy 4:2, 6:17, 8:6, 10:13, 11:27, 28, 28:9, 13, Judges 2:17, 3:4, 1 Kings 18:18, 2 Kings 17:16, 19, 1 Chronicles 28:8, 2 Chronicles 24:20, Ezra 7:11, Nehemiah 10:29, 1 Corinthians 14:37. “The commandments of the LORD”* refer to God’s directives that must be kept such that the individual sins by not keeping them.

“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them” *Leviticus 4:2*. See also *Leviticus 4: 13, 22, 27, 5:17*.

The same strictures apply in *both* Testaments as the context of *1 Corinthians 14:37* shows, in which Paul is giving commandments i.e. rules, not suggestions.

“Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge” *1 Corinthians 14:29*.

“Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law” *1 Corinthians 14:34*.

“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord” *1 Corinthians 14:37*.

“Let all things be done decently and in order” *1 Corinthians 14:40*.

That should be the first rule of any church. It was always one of the only two rules of early Navigator conferences:

“Let all things be done decently and in order” *1 Corinthians 14:40*.

“Let all your things be done with charity” *1 Corinthians 16:14*.

2.3. *The Regulations, ordinances*

The word is “**judgments.**” The Lord’s “**judgments**” are largely the punishments that He inflicts for wrongdoing e.g. disobedience to His commandments. The word “**judgments**” occurs 127 times in the scriptures. Its early use shows how it largely represents God’s punishments.

“Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments” Exodus 6:6.

“But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments” Exodus 7:4.

“Now these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them” Exodus 21:1.

Exodus 21 sets forth many judgments that God gave Israel to implement i.e. ***“Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God”*** Leviticus 18:4.

Exodus 21:2-11, i.e. 10 verses, deal with judgments on fair treatment of servants, including a man’s own daughter who may be sold as a bond servant. Exodus 21:12-36, i.e. 25 verses, deal with judgments for wrongdoing.

“He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death” Exodus 21:12.

“And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death” Exodus 12:15. Stephen aka Nic Seddon please note.

See:

www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/9814823.Seaham_man_charged_with_murder_of_parent_s/.

“Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe” Exodus 21:24-25.

See also:

“The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes” Leviticus 26:43.

“For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments” Numbers 33:4.

“Judgments are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the back of fools” Proverbs 19:29.

“And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands” Jeremiah 1:16.

“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations” Ezekiel 5:8. See Ezekiel 5:10, 15, 11:9, 14:21, 16:41, 23:24, 25:11, 28:22, 26, 30:14, 19.

“If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church” 1 Corinthians 6:4, noting the context.

“Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest” Revelation 15:4, noting the context.

“For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments” Revelation 16:6-7.

“For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand” Revelation 19:2. These verses show that the main emphasis on judgments where these are explained in the scriptures is punishment.

2.4. *The Decrees, statutes?*

The word “*statutes*” occurs 132 times in scripture, almost always with respect to God’s statutes (2 Kings 17:19, Micah 6:16 are exceptions), 117 times with the word “*judgments*,” God intended that Israel implement both. However, in contrast to the term “*judgments*,” “*statutes*” consist of, or are associated with, how rewards for right-doing through obeying God’s commandments may be obtained. For example:

“If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit” Leviticus 26:3-4.

“And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand...These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father’s house” Numbers 30:4, 16, i.e. respect for a woman’s word afforded in the Old Testament by statute.

“Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever” Deuteronomy 4:40.

“And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel” Deuteronomy 17:19-20.

“For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike. And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day” 1 Samuel 30:24-25.

“And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee” 1 Kings 11:38.

“The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes” Psalm 19:8.

“That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God” Ezekiel 11:20.

“Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live” Ezekiel 18:19.

“But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die” Ezekiel 18:21.

“If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die” Ezekiel 33:15.

Note that some statutes appear to have a negative emphasis i.e. like judgments but a good result was the intention.

“Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean” Leviticus 10:9-10. Note also the following with respect to blessings afforded to the priests by statute.

“The heave shoulder and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons’ with thee, by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded” Leviticus 10:15.

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