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King James Bible controversy

Why does it seem the K. V. Bible is so controversy?

(Psalm 12:6 - 7)

Intro: The prevailing sentiment concerning which Bible is the most accurate is one that rages on today. The KJV translation was the one used and sold most frequently for over 400 years. It was the one translation that was the catalyst for revivals here in America whether personal or nationally. There are a number of reasons why the KJV of the Bible is superior than any of the modern-day translations. The newer translations typically use the argument that the KJV had a number of translation problems and they are doing their best to give us a more accurate Bible.

The problem they have is with what do they have in which to compare their translations to in order to arrive a perfect, errorless Word such as was initial transmitted by God, know as the original autographs? Their argument is baseless as they do not have those initial autographs in which to compare their modern day works. They typically don't even use the right Greek nor the right texts to arrive at their scholarly works. And perhaps money has been the biggest incentive driving their push to sell their perversions.

Our goal in this lesson is to address the reasons for the KJV Bible being so controversial rather than going into the depths of the Alpha and Beta transcripts, the Textus Receptus and any other the translation that have come about whether prior to or after the King James Bible.

I. Why the controversy?

- A. When we consider that God has _____ in the Bible that He would preserve His Word from one generation to the next and so on – **Psalm 12:6 – 7.**
- B. So what is the bottom line?
 1. Some say it is too _____ with the “thee” and the thou” and the use of certain words ending in “est” because we don't talk like that today.
 2. Still others simply say the KJV version is too _____ to understand, when in fact it is actually, written about the 5th to 7th grade reading level.
 3. Giving the _____ down of the public-school curriculum in which reading along with English and math scores falling from ‘at grade level’, it is little wonder some will find anything above fourth grade difficult.
 4. Then there is the attitude that “_____ is better”, perhaps in somethings!

- B. The main reason for the controversy is simply it ____ the Word of God, divinely inspired – **(II Timothy 3:16)** and the reason for it being divinely inspired and divinely preserved – **(II Timothy 3:17)**
- C. Back to **Psalm 12:6 – 7** promises that the Bible will be _____ for every generation and we find that when it comes to other versions, because none of them make this claim. Many of them want to point to the “original autographs” which we have already stated we just don’t _____ because as “originals” they no longer exist.
1. They obviously did _____ with the original men whom God inspired and copies were made to pass along, for example – **Colossians 4:16**. These two cities were about 12 miles apart.
 2. This was typical as each epistle would have to be _____ written and not photocopied, faxed or emailed.
- D. So, the question is this – if God has preserved His Word for us, and He did, where is it?
1. To best understand the role of the KJV we need to understand certain key words.
 - a. Inspiration - The Bible was written by the _____ who gave His very words to the forty some men who over a period of 1600 years – **II Peter 1:21**.
 - b. Inerrancy – While some tend to believe the Bible contains the Word of God, when in reality it is _____ % the Word of God. (**II Timothy 3:16; Deut. 8:3; Proverbs 30:5; Luke 4:4.**)
 - c. Preservation – The question by some is whether or not any translation can be 100% the _____ Word of God.
 - (1). The first translation was God’s Word from heaven into _____ or the most part of the O.T. as some of the book of Daniel and Ezra is in Aramaic and the entire N.T in Greek. (**Zephaniah 3:9**)
 - (2). _____ % of all manuscripts still in existence are in total agreement with each other and are known as the Masoretic Text or Majority Text, from which we have the KJV Bible and some earlier translations.
 - (3). The other _____ % of the text differ from the Majority Text and are known as the Alexandrian text. A small group of text found discarded and were used in the 1800’s by Westcott and Hort and the basis for the NASV, RSV, ASV, and the NIV and the NKJV. When these newer translations use the phrase, “best manuscripts” they are not referring to the Majority Text, but the rejected texts that reject each other.
 2. When the O.T. was penned, it was penned or written to _____ and in Hebrew, however, when the N. T. was penned, it was penned in Greek as it was then the predominant language. God later would use the English which has become the most dominant language in the world. God has chosen the English language to preserve His Word for His English people.