

Sunday AM Adult S.S. Bible Study

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Questions Posed for Study

Question: Why so many translations of the Bible? Matthew 13:24 – 30.

Intro: While for many of us the answer to this question is obvious, for many more the question is not as easy. The truth be told, we could spend weeks on this subject and only retain bits and pieces of the information. Over all, if one was to tackle the translation history of the Bible and not remember as much as they would like, at the very least one would have confirmed in their _____ that the King James translation is God's preserved Word as He promised,

Psalm 12:6 – 7.

What we recognize first and foremost in a true translation, is a word for word equivalency translation, rather than a thought for thought translation as some use. Thoughts tend to be plastic or fluid depending on one's background or doctrinal position. Now there is so much more information and the information goes back centuries and involves well over 5,000 manuscripts. The understanding of why God chose three of the world's _____ such as Hebrew, Greek and Old English with some Aramaic. There have been so many reasons or excuses for today's newer translations ranging from, they are easier to read to more reliable renderings. Bottom line, it is mostly about money rather than absolute accuracy.

Three times throughout human history, God has, not man, given us an accurate translation and each time the languages were conducive to carrying over the infallible preservation of God's Word. God never said He would or was going to use man to carry on this _____ preservation. I believe fully that God knew He could not trust man to do this, never intended for man to do this, rather He would see to it Himself. **Psalm 138:2**, His Word is who He is and if His Word becomes distorted in any way, whether in simplest terms or not, it will give us a wrong sense of who God is in light of what He says about Himself. The Hebrews were warned to not add anything or subtract anything – **Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32**; and again, in the New Covenant or the New Testament – **Matthew 5:17 & 18, Revelation 22:18 & 19**. Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit of God wrote in **II Timothy 3:16 & 17**, that the intent for the Scriptures is to thoroughly equip us for the work He has for us to do. How does this happen if we don't have His Word without error?

I. The parable concerning God's Word – **Matthew 13:24 – 30.**

A. There are a few words we need to point out here:

1. **Verse 24** – “ _____ ”
2. **Verse 25** – “ _____ ” – resembling wheat but is a black seed – darnel.
3. **Verse 28** – “an _____ hath done this” – perhaps a competitor out of hatred to ruin.
4. **Verse 30** - “let both grow together” – during the growth, both look alike. (Darnel)

B. The interpretation of this parable:

1. The “kingdom of heaven” is this present _____ with a mixture of lost & saved.
2. The “good seed” is the _____ – **(Luke 8:11) Matthew 13:24** – “good seed”.
3. The “tares” represent another word – Gospel - **Galatians 1:6 & II Cor. 11:4.**
4. The “enemy” – _____ who distorts the truth of God's Word. Errant translations.
5. The command – “let both grow together” is God's _____ to allow the false bible versions to exist until the Lord returns.

C. How did Satan succeed in flooding the market with all these false versions?

1. _____ is the single biggest reason, (Higher prices, copyrights, new customers).
2. _____ and the desire to have the latest & greatest of whatever.
3. Christians aren't much different when it comes to myriad of Bibles out there.
4. _____ in that folks want someone to break it all down for them rather than studying to discover for themselves God's wonderful promises & truths.
5. _____ is another strong tool Satan uses because people won't admit their wrong.

D. A few important questions necessary for anyone willing to purchase these errant Bible.

1. Why are newer version being printed from the same source manuscripts?
2. If all translations are similar, then is it not illogical they can be the same?
3. If, as people say, that the real Bible can only be found in the “original manuscripts”, then how can they make translations of newer version, seeing no one has the original?
4. If the newest translation is supposed to be the best, then was the previous translation inaccurate? What was wrong or what was missing? And if the latest version is not better than the previous versions, why was it written?
5. If newer Bible versions are not money oriented, then why is the King James version the only version not copyrighted?

E. Don't get drawn in to foolishness of modern translations being better, their origins are inferior as to manuscripts used, the motive is money and not absolute truth, the Greek used in these newer translations is a perverse Greek written by Westcott & Hort.