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It's Perfect As It Is

Bill Brinkworth

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” Prov. 30:5-6

Proverbs 30 was written by a man of which little is known, other than what he tells us about himself. Agur (Proverbs 30:1) confesses to being a rude, uncouth fellow (Prov. 30:2) without many of the behaviors, learning, and morals that most have (Prov. 30:2-4). Nevertheless, this man did learn something that the majority of the citizens of this world have not understood.

Agur somehow learned and believed that God's Word was preserved, available, and could be understood even to people like him. He recognized that God's words were "pure" (Prov. 30:5) and not contaminated by man's influence.

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” Psalm 12:6 Also: Ps. 19:8.

Not only did this man recognize God's truths, but even in those days, he saw people changing God's Word. He saw and heard words that were added to what God had said.

Since the very first people, Adam and Eve, were on this Earth, what God had said has been changed. Satan was the first to misquote God's Word and even get Eve to question what the Creator said: "... Yea, hath God said..." (Gen. 3:1). Since that time, there have been many people causing doubt, adding, and deleting words from what God originally said.

In English alone, there are over 400 different versions of God's Word. God certainly does not need help in saying what he wants us to know, and He has not changed His truths. Those authors and "translators" are doing what God has forbidden to be done to His Word.

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.” Duet. 4:2

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his

part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” Rev. 22:18-19

For one that has investigated some of the modern perversions of God’s Word, it will quickly be recognized that they are not “making it easier” to understand,” as they would like people to believe. They all are changing the meaning of the Scriptures. God’s truths are altered and most likely by the same influence that confused Eve: Satan.

English-speaking people do not need His Word dumbed down. They need to understand their language better and allow the Holy Spirit to show them what the Bible says. It is the Spirit of God that shows anyone what His Word means anyway.

Read and believe the Word of God that has been preserved for you. Although it is kept pure in the major languages also, for English-speaking people, it is the King James Bible they should only be reading. Accept no counterfeited substitute (not even the altered New King James Version).

Be like Agur. Recognize God’s Word is kept for you to read, learn, and obey. It is “pure” and undefiled. Do not allow anyone to add or subtract from what God wants you to know.

“Lawyers squabble over one word of the law of the land. Why do people not have problems when 1000s of words are changed in the Word of God?” — Author Unknown

Why Our Bible Is Changed

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“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isa. 40:8

God promises many times in the King James Bible that we will always have a copy of his Word. Satan, of course, cannot get God to break His promise, but He has done all he could to confuse people about what God had said. Even in the Garden of Eden, Satan controlled the serpent to confuse Eve of what God actually said: “... Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

Satan knew what God commanded Eve to do, but by changing and challenging what God said, he got her to break God’s commandment. Because of this confusion, the first sin was committed, and we have been paying for it ever since.

Satan knows the value and importance of God’s Word and has never stopped confusing man with what God has said. We have one true Word of God, and it is preserved exactly how it was given to the leaders, kings, prophets, disciples, and scribes to whom God dictated it. In the English language, it is the King James Bible. It is the version Satan hates the most because he knows how pure and powerful it is.

To this day, many believe Satan is still working to put doubt on what God has said. Surely, he is behind the corruption in over 400 hundred different English “bible” perversions. Each one claim to make it easier and more precise, but each is changing biblical doctrines and principles by deleting verses, and adding and changing words. Although the author of confusion (Satan) is in

the midst of ALL of the new versions, the men he uses to pervert and alter God's word have many reasons for their changes. Here are some of them:

- **They do not like what it says.** Rather than humble themselves and change their thinking and behavior to align with God's commands, they alter His Word. The modern-day Bible "translators" and Bible re-writers are much like King Jehoiakim, when the Word of God was read to him (Jeremiah 36). He did not like what it said, so after it was read to him, he had the pages cut out and burned.

If a modern re-writer does not believe what that Bible teaches on Hell, they change all references that have to do with the eternal torment of that place. Those that do not like the teaching of the deity of Christ, His blood atonement and many other Bible truths change them in their new "translations." Just as God regave the word after Jehoiakim destroyed it, He still has it preserved in the King James Version, even though many try to change it. Rewriting the truth does not change what is true, however.

- **They want the readers to think the way they do.** The Jehovah Witnesses have their Bible to defend their false teachings – the New World Translation. Catholics have the doctrine the way they want in their Douay-Rheims, Confraternity, Revised Standard Version, New International Version, New Jerusalem, and many other versions. Religions that do not want you to know that Christ is the son of God, that His shed blood is what saves you, and that good works cannot save one from Hell have their editions also. They figure, if you read it the way they have rewritten it, you will believe their way.
- **They change the wording so the Word of God will not convict or bother them.** Those that are bothered by what the Bible teaches about homosexuality, drinking, history, Christ's virgin birth, the trinity, Christ's return, telling others about Christ, corruption of the Word of God, that God is male, and hundreds of other teachings have created their versions that alter it the way they would like it read. When they read their text, they will not feel bad or convicted about their lifestyles, actions, sin, or thinking.
- **They change it so many will not go to Heaven or be strong Christians.** Satan is behind the different Bible deceptions because he wants to keep as many as he can out of Heaven. That is why the doctrine of salvation is altered in the new versions. If they are saved, Satan wants to keep them from growing and being strong Christians by knowing the full truth so they can obey it. The unsaved and weak Christians hate it when a believer is strong and following more of the Bible than they do or want to.
- **They want to make money!** God saw to it that His true Word, preserved in the King James Bible, would be free to all mankind. The new "bibles" all initially made or are making money for the authors. There are copyrights on all editions other than the King James. Money is a strong reason for the new versions. To obtain a copyright, there must be many changes, and that explains why there are so many deletions and additions in the modern "bibles."

We still have the inspired, preserved, inerrant Word of God within the covers of the King James Version. Do not fall for the new version's sales pitch that it is trying to help you and make the Bible easier to understand. It is not man's intellect that applies the Book's words to our hearts and lives. It is the Holy Spirit of God that shows us what it means anyway (I Corinthians 2:13-14). Man's efforts to make it clear cannot do what only the Holy Spirit of God can do.

The Changed Love Letter

Bill Brinkworth

Speaking to a small nursing-home Bible study, I directed a question to a godly woman who missed her deceased husband terribly. “Did you ever receive a love letter from your husband?”

She smiled back with a nod as she recalled the notes of love she received many years ago.

“If I had intercepted one of his letters to you, and changed ten words, what would you wonder? Most likely, you would wonder what I altered, and if what you read was really from his heart, or was it something I fabricated.” She nodded again in agreement. The smile from her face disappeared. Her whole relationship may have been changed just because of the words I may have added, deleted, or changed.

Yet, that is what is happening to God’s love letter to mankind. Men with deceptive purposes are taking God’s Words and changing thousands of words in the Bible. In many cases, it is tens of thousands of words that are altered.

The result of the re-writer’s intervention is changing what God wanted man to know. In most cases, what remains of His word after their severe editing is what they want you to believe, not what God had said. He is quite capable of saying what he meant to say. God certainly does not need man’s help to communicate with His creation!

Do not trust what sinful men have interpreted or would like you to believe is what God “really meant to say.” Stick to the King James Bible for English-speaking people. (His preserved words are all kept pure in other major languages also.) All other versions are not the love letter God preserved for mankind.