IN DEFENSE OF THE KJV! : PART ONE

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One of the biggest tragedies within our worldwide Christian family today, is that contrary to the inward desires of the Lord Himself, as well as of the Apostle Paul and others, in a doctrinal sense, we are more divided than ever before. From the simplest issues, such as the necessary requirements for Eternal Salvation, to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to the necessity of water baptism, to more complex issues such as the validity of the Gifts of the Spirit in our modern day, to the proper interpretation of Endtime prophecies, it is indeed difficult to find very much agreement within the Christian body. Why is this? What is the root of the problem?

This vast difference in beliefs and doctrines over the centuries, has of course resulted in the formation of a plethora of different churches, denominations, organizations and ministries, each with their own set of doctrines, which may be in total contrast to what is being taught by a priest, pastor, minister or preacher down the street from us. The bad fruit of so many different doctrines being taught, is quite obvious; and that is that many Christians in the world today find themselves in total confusion regarding what to believe, as well as what not to believe. Everyone claims to be a voice of authority; so what are the poor sheep supposed to do? Again I ask, why is this? What is the real root of the problem?

In the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John, we find the Lord praying for the unity of His young fledgling flock, when He says in part:

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are . . . That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:" John 17:11, 21-22, KJV

In his various Epistles, the Apostle Paul also expressed his clear desire for Christian unity within the Church, in both a doctrinal sense, as well as in the proper exercise of the Gifts of the Spirit, when he penned such words as the following:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Corinthians 1:10, KJV

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints . . . Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40, KJV

This idea of spiritual unity is not limited to the New Testament alone. In the Old Testament, we also find such verses as the following:

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3, KJV

"[A Song of degrees of David.] Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1, KJV

So again I ask, why do we lack this unity today? What is the real root of the problem? As I stated a moment ago, a major part of the problem lies in our doctrinal differences. As I point out in other articles, what few people may realize, is that these differences are not something which began a few years ago, a few decades ago, or even a few centuries ago. The truth of the matter is that they actually began at the very beginning of time, when Satan uttered his first lie, "Yea, hath God said . . .", in the Garden of Eden, thus challenging the Commandments and Statutes which had been spoken by the Most High God:

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Genesis 3:1, KJV

In spite of his many errors as a human being, why is it that King David found so much favor in the eyes of the Lord? It is because, not only did he recognize his own dismal human condition, and thus depend totally upon the mercy of the Lord, instead of upon his own righteousness or good works, but the king also had very high regard for the Divine Commandments, or Law, of the Lord. He was totally in love with the Word of the Lord. He knew fully in his heart that whatever God said or did, even if he didn't understand it, even if he was in the midst of tribulation or chastisement, was good and righteous. He knew that God's Word was truly infallible and perfect in every way. Allow me to share with you just a few verses written by this beloved king of Israel:

"The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Psalms 19:9-10, KJV

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word . . . Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee . . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path . . . Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalms 119:9, 11, 105, 165, KJV

"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Psalms 138:2, KJV

As another clear example of the battle between God's Holy Word, and Satan's unholy rebellious word, we only have but to look at Jesus' time in the wilderness, prior to the start of His Earthly Ministry in the Gospel of Matthew. We are all familiar with the story of how Satan utterly twisted the truth of God's Word, in order to try to defeat Jesus in His moment of physical weakness:

"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.' Matthew 4:1-11, KJV

One thing we can learn from this particular story, is that Satan knows the Word. In fact, he knows it better than you or I; after all, he is a spiritual being; and he was there when it was first spoken and written. After thousands of years of practice, Satan has become a pro at twisting and perverting God's Holy Word, in order to trip up people with his lies and half-truths; just as he did with Adam and Eve; and just as he unsuccessfully tried to do with the Lord Himself. As I point out elsewhere, it isn't that the demons don't know the truth; it isn't that they don't know who Jesus is; it is simply that, in their pride and rebellion, they have rejected His Authority, as well as the Authority of His Father. They are in all-out war against Them. This may be why the Apostle James was inspired to write:

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." James 2:19, KJV

While I can cite many more Scriptural examples, suffice it to say then, that this war of the Spirit, which manifests itself through the spoken and the written word, has been fiercely waged ever since Eden, as that vile serpent, and his Earthly, evil, human emissaries, have tried, and have successfully convinced I might add, many people, Christian and non-Christian alike, to listen to and believe in his false doctrines, as opposed to the pure, truthful Words, Commandments and Doctrines of the Living God.

This doctrinal war was in full swing at the time of Jesus Christ, as is clearly evidenced by the many verbal battles which the Lord had with the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees and other members of the Jewish religious hierarchy of that era. It is for this very reason, that both He, and the first Apostles and early Disciples, repeatedly warned their new converts to beware of the leaven, or false doctrine, of the hard-hearted and misguided Jewish Elders, who tried their best to totally discredit Jesus Christ, and His glorious Resurrection from the dead. Consider again these clear Scriptural examples of warnings concerning false doctrine, and false Jewish brethren, which I share in other articles as well:

"Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." Matthew 16:12, KJV

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" Ephesians 4:14-15, KJV

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein." Hebrews 13:9, KJV

"As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do." 1 Timothy 1:3-4, KJV "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way." Matthew 13:24-25, KJV

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Romans 16:17, KJV

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him . . . For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15, KJV

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:6-9, KJV

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:" Galatians 2:4, KJV

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." 1 Timothy 6:3-5, KJV

"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." Titus 3:9-11, KJV

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." 2 John 1:9-11, KJV

What we have learned thus far in this article, is that doctrinal wars are nothing new. They have been waged for literally thousands of years. The Apostle Paul fought many doctrinal battles during his lifetime. When some people at Corinth challenged the Resurrection from the dead, Paul was quick to expose the doctrinal lie, when he wrote in part:

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

1 Corinthians 15:12, KJV

When the false brethren tried to spread the false doctrine amongst the new Christians in Galatia, that circumcision was still a necessary requirement in order to merit Salvation, again, Paul was quick to expose the doctrinal error; and he rebuked the fledgling Church when he wrote in part:

"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain."

Galatians 3:1-4, KJV

When the false doctrine was apparently spread amongst the Thessalonian Church that the Day of Christ was at hand, Paul again exposed the doctrinal error when he wrote in part:

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, KJV

Why would Paul write these admonitions, unless someone was apparently already trying to deceive the Early Christians with their false doctrines? While these are only a few examples, it should be very clear to you then, that as responsible Christians, we are not to remain silent when we learn that a certain false doctrine is being preached, even if it is being done by our very own brethren. Maybe they are doing it out of ignorance, but nevertheless, the false doctrine must be exposed, no matter how many people may be offended by it; after all, we are here to be God-pleasers, and not menpleasers. As Jude wrote, we are to stand up for the truth, and to contend for the faith; and as Paul wrote, we are to reprove, rebuke and exhort those who fall into doctrinal error: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 1:3, KJV

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:2, KJV

I can tell you from personal experience, that if and when you choose to do this, you will be harshly criticized by your adversaries. Some people, even well-meaning brethren who do not yet fully understand the seriousness of the situation, will condemn you. They will accuse you of being harsh and unloving. They will accuse you of being overly legalistic in your views and inflexible in your doctrinal stance. In their blindness to the truth, some of them will mistakenly side with the enemy. In fact, one of the biggest deceptions to which some of these people will even yield themselves, is the false modern idea that we can all believe as we want, as long as we love each other. It doesn't matter what you believe, or what I believe, as long as we love each other, they claim. As we have now seen, this idea is nothing short of a half-truth and a deception. Yes, we are most certainly supposed to love each other; after all, Jesus did indeed teach:

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35, KJV

However, this is not the full Gospel truth; it is only a part of the equation. As I explain in other articles, such as in "Love, Mercy, Forgiveness And Chastisement", Godly love expresses itself in many different ways; and rebuke and chastisement just so happens to be one of them. In the Book of Proverbs, as well as in Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, we also find the following verses:

"Open rebuke is better than secret love." Proverbs 27:5, KJV

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Hebrews 12:6, KJV

In short, while we are supposed to love the brethren, and to encourage, uplift and feed them because of the tender sheep that they are, we are also supposed to rebuke them sharply, and to correct them when they fall into serious error, be it doctrinal error or otherwise. If we fail to do this, then we are not fulfilling our obligation as responsible shepherds of the Lord; and God will hold us accountable; for as the Apostle Paul wrote:

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:17, KJV To reiterate then, what we have clearly seen, is that while Jesus and His Apostles loved the sheep, they also did not hesitate to expose the doctrinal lies of the enemy; whether those lies originated from the enemy without, such as in the case of the deceitful Jewish hierarchy, or whether those lies originated from within; that is, from the enemy who had crept within their very midst, in the form of cunning, false brethren, or even true brethren, who had become ignorantly deceived by the false doctrines. In such cases, the Elders of the Early Church dealt with them swiftly, in order to maintain doctrinal purity within the flock. According to the Scriptures we have now read, in some cases, this included excommunication from the Body of Believers, if the accused did not repent of his false ideas.

In short, as we are clearly told in the Book of Proverbs, God simply hates those who sow discord and division amongst the brethren. He considers it an abomination; a filthy, ugly thing; and spreading false doctrine is one sure way of sowing discord amongst the Lord's flocks:

"A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Proverbs 6:19, KJV

Sadly, in our modern day, many Christian leaders are not willing to take such a strong stand against doctrinal error. They have compromised so much with the enemy in their own lives, that they are more concerned about their public image, and what people will think if they say such and such, or if they do such and such. These false shepherds have become menpleasers instead of God-pleasers. Threatened by the possibility of losing their tax-free status, or losing certain large contributions made to their church, or being persecuted by the IRS, (Internal Revenue Service - tax collection agency in the USA), they have become victims of the sickening social disease known as political correctness. They sing the same tune, and dance the same dance just like everyone else. They are the rich, affluent false shepherds of our modern Christian era, just like those mentioned in Ezekiel chapter thirty-four, who fleeced the flocks of God; but the Lord will someday hold them accountable for their actions.

Rather than preach the full truth of God's Word, these men compromise their ministry, and tone down their message, and join the wayward crowd who say, "You can believe what you want to believe, and I can believe what I want to believe, as long as we love each other, and have compassion for each other". Isn't that precisely what Tenzin Gyatso, the Dalai Lama teaches? Well, guess what? The Dalai Lama is not a Christian!

In fact, from what I have heard and read, some of those Christian preachers and church leaders, have now gone so far in their spiritual waywardness, that as I point out in the article "Modern False Prophets And Worldly Ecumenism", they are now saying, and actually demonstrating, that it is now okay for we Christians to pray right along side of Buddhists and other false religionists; and that the antichrist Jews should be treated as our brethren; and that there isn't really that much difference between we Bible-believing Christians and the idol-worshipping, Mary devotees of Roman Catholicism; and that we can all be one big happy family under one religious umbrella; if we are just willing to compromise our beliefs a little, and not tout Jesus as the only Saviour of mankind. Yes, folks; why don't we just lay aside our "minor" religious differences, and be one big happy world family with One World Religion? Wouldn't that be nice?

Of course, I speak in jest. As sincere, Bible-believing Christians, we should all know that this sort of spiritual compromise is totally in contradiction to what is really taught in the Holy Scriptures. There can be no compromise! We are at war against the enemy of our souls! We must all contend for the Christian faith; even when our spiritual leaders are not willing to lead the way! Even when it means standing alone as a solitary pillar of truth! Not only are these modern false shepherds not willing to do these things, but they are leading their flocks astray with their false ideas and wayward doctrines which condone such things as worldly compromise, ecumenism and secular humanism!

What we have also learned thus far in this series, is that the author of this doctrinal war, is none other than Satan himself, because our God is definitely not the author of confusion, as stated earlier by the Apostle Paul. In fact, as I have pointed out many times before, Jesus quite clearly told the Jewish Elders of His day, that they were the children of the Devil; and that he, that is, Satan, is a murderer, and the father of lies:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44, KJV

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." Matthew 23:15, KJV

What odd statements for Jesus to make when today some modern preachers tell us that the Jews are our friends and fellow brethren! Obviously, someone must be wrong; and it certainly isn't the Lord! So again, God's Word is the sure, immutable, unchanging Word of prophecy; and not one single one of His Words shall fail! Only Satan is a liar! All of God's Words will be fulfilled, as we see in these verses:

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isaiah 40:8, KJV

"For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled . . . Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." Luke 21:22, 32, KJV "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." Revelation 17:17, KJV

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19, KJV

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past." Ecclesiastes 3:14-15, KJV

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged." Romans 3:4, KJV

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" Titus 1:2, KJV

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts . . . For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:19, 21, KJV

Being as God's Word is so sure, so immutable, so unchanging, should not we all make absolutely certain that our lives, and our doctrine, is solely based upon it, and upon nothing else, despite what anyone might say?

What we have also learned through earlier verses in this series, is that, being as he is a spiritual entity, Satan must work from behind the scenes to accomplish his purposes, through his human emissaries who have rejected the truth concerning the Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the necessity of His Blood Atonement for the remission of our sins. Sometimes, these people even feign to be our Christian brethren, when they most certainly are not! They are ravenous wolves in sheep's' clothing, as both Jesus and the Apostle Paul taught, who come in to maim, kill and devour the flocks:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matthew 7:15, KJV

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. Matthew 10:16, KJV "Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.' Luke 10:3, KJV "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Acts 20:29, KJV Finally, we have been issued serious warnings to beware of such people, and to have absolutely nothing to do with them once they are discovered and exposed. Why is this? It is because if they are admitted to one's flock, and left to their own devices, they will poison that flock with their subtle lies and poisonous leaven of false doctrines. As the Apostle Paul wrote, all it takes is just a little leaven, just a small root of false doctrine, in order to pollute the minds and hearts of the entire flock: "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" 1 Corinthians 5:6, KJV "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Galatians 5:9, KJV

Now, lest some of my readers erroneously think that the Scriptural warnings I shared earlier concerning false brethren and false doctrine only pertain to the past, and that they no longer apply to modern Christianity, allow me to share several more admonitions with you, which were also issued by the Apostle Paul in his first and second Epistles to his beloved son in the faith, Timothy. Please note that these particular warnings pertain to a time in the future. In fact, Paul very specifically tells us that certain false doctrines will be taught "in the latter times"; that is, in the Endtime; the time in which we now find ourselves:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;" 1 Timothy 4:1, KJV

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" 2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

Wow! What spiritual insight the Lord had given Paul into the far future! Do not these words perfectly describe our very times of chaotic doctrinal confusion within the worldwide Christian body? Do they not describe the many false teachers who are paid a nice salary so that they will compromise their message, and just teach what they are ordered to teach so as not to make waves and upset the status quo?

In the second part of this four-part series, we will take an even closer look at exactly how Satan has worked over the long centuries; and expose one of the biggest tricks he has used to totally destroy unity within the Christian body. There is still a lot of information to come. I trust that you will join me.

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Modern Governmental Deception, Satan's Secret Weapon, Conventional And Biblical Warfare, Sieges Of Jerusalem, Neutron Bomb And Other Hellish Modern Warfare, Aerial Bombardment Of Baghdad And Belgrade, Common Doctrinal Denominators, Unity Of The Godhead, Jews' Pre-Meditated Murder, Jesus Is Unique, By Permission Of The Father, Rebellion Of The Antichrists, Jesus The Overcomer, Satan Defeated, The Resurrection Conspiracy, God's Backup Plan, Infiltration And Doctrinal Corruption, First Century Cults False Gospels, Bible Corruptors Old and New, Satan's Weapon

Thus far, we have seen that Satan himself, the father of lies, is behind this subtle conspiracy to pollute the minds and hearts of the Christian family. We have also seen that, being as he is a spiritual being, he is forced to do his dirty work from behind the scenes through his human agents, who attack the Body of Christ from both within, as well as from without, by sowing discord amongst the brethren. We have also been made aware of the fact, that one of the primary weapons being used to create this discord, is false doctrine; a poisonous leaven of which even Jesus Himself and His early followers warned us to beware. Furthermore, we have seen through the Scriptures, that this spiritual battle against the pure Word of God, has been waged since the beginning of time, and that during the Early Church Era, Jesus was a target of it. Finally, we have been exposed to some of the dismal failures and compromises of our modern Christian leadership.

While we are now aware of these various points, one thing which we have not yet discussed, is exactly how this deadly weapon of deception is being delivered to the Christian body. True, it is being delivered through words, but even that is not a full answer. At the beginning of this series, I rhetorically asked why this is happening, and what is the root of the problem. In this second part, I will now provide you with what I believe is part of the answer. In his second Epistle to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul wrote:

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not

ignorant of his devices." 2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

Paul is plainly stating that, as seasoned Christians, we should not be, and are not, ignorant of Satan's devices; that is, of the various tricks and methods he uses in order to try to sidetrack us from accomplishing God's Will and Purpose for each of our lives. However, when one is young in the faith, this is not always the case. We can indeed be easily fooled by that subtle serpent, until we have become well-rooted in God's Word, and begin to understand how that demon of darkness does his dirty work. Let us turn our discussion now for a moment, from spiritual warfare, to actual physical human warfare.

If there is one thing which many governments of the world know, it is that if one is going to experiment with nuclear devices, chemical weapons, biological weapons, or engage in some other activity which might be frowned upon by the world community, then he must do it in such a way so that, on the surface, it appears to be something entirely different from what it really is. As an example, a country might import certain materials for its nuclear arms program, which might in reality be able to be used for some other more benign, acceptable purpose. Thus, instead of admitting that it is really interested in creating a nuclear bomb, if it is actually caught importing said materials, the leadership of that country might lie and say that the materials being imported are going to be used for something else. In like manner, it might disguise the plants which will produce the final product, as something else. For example, a chemical weapons factory could easily be disguised as a legitimate pharmaceutical supply company. Undoubtedly, what will come to mind are the accusations which have been launched against such countries as Iraq, North Korea, etc.

Following the previous concept, knowing that, in a spiritual sense, Satan wants to totally blow apart Christianity, is it possible that he has managed to introduce something into our midst which, while it may appear to be absolutely harmless, and perhaps even benign on the surface, in reality, it is extremely deadly? In fact, might Satan be so cunning that, like certain modern chemical and biological weapons, his spiritual weapon might have a slow, gradual, but ultimately lethal effect? In other words, might his demonic device be so deceptive, that it will slowly strip away one's faith and beliefs, a little at a time, until said person has fallen into complete apostasy? Is it even possible that, by way of this subtle process of slowly poisoning one's soul, a person could fall into such deep apostasy, and not even realize his wayward condition?

In contemplating these things, I am also reminded of one of the most diabolical weapons of war ever created by mankind; the neutron bomb. You see, under the old form of military engagement, which we still see a lot of today, one country will invade another country, and destroy everything; people; buildings; and infrastructure like railways, bridges, roads, water supply lines, etc. Since the dawn of history, this form of total destruction has been the only sure way of subjugating one's enemy; destroy everything; or else lay siege against him so that he is denied the things which he needs the most for his basic survival. Eventually, supplies run out; even in a well-fortified, and well-stocked walled city. We see a number of examples of this in the Bible; such as in the case of the various sieges against Jerusalem by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar. Consider this example which describes the first siege:

"In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god." Daniel 1:1-2, KJV

In extreme cases, where the government of the country being attacked would stiffly resist invasion and being taken over, when victory was finally won by the enemy, the royal lineage of the conquered party would often be killed; which would thus eliminate the possibility of that particular line of leadership being resurrected by a surviving member of the royal household. If one cuts off the head, the body is left without direction. In studying the Old Testament, we see that this was a common practice even amongst the warring factions of the ancient house of Israel. Turning again to the invasions of Jerusalem, we discover that after three sieges against the city, proud King Nebuchadnezzar grew so tired of the Jews' rebellion, that when he finally captured it about six hundred years before the birth of Christ, he made certain that Jewish King Zedekiah, whom he had installed as a puppet king, and his sons, were totally incapacitated:

"And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain. And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon." 2 Kings 25:4-7, KJV

While this is indeed gruesome, in our modern day, new and even more diabolical means of destroying one's foes have been invented. The tragic and unwarranted destruction of the Japanese cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima is a grim reminder of the evil which lurks in the heart of man. Since that time over fifty years ago, an even more modern concept of war has developed, which states that one wants to destroy his enemy morally, mentally, spiritually, and if need be, physically, in order to get what he has; but one does not want to actually destroy what he owns. That is the prize; that is the booty of war. What pleasure is there in war, if one has to destroy everything, and there is nothing left to claim for his prize? In this regard, the last war against Japan was extremely messy. Not only did it leave deadly radiation everywhere, but it totally destroyed the prize of war. For the sake of the reader, please allow me to clarify that while I am discussing these things, it does not mean that I personally condone them, as I most certainly do not. This is clearly spelled out in some of my political articles. I am merely explaining to you how the evil human mind and heart think and operate; for as we are told in the Scriptures:

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man." Matthew 15:19-20, KJV

Thus, it should not surprise us that in the newest emerging style of modern warfare and targeted terrorism, we find the most hideous weapons of all: chemical weapons, biological weapons, and the neutron bomb. These demonic devices destroy one's enemy quite effectively, while leaving the prize of war intact. They maim and kill countless scores of human beings, sometimes quite slowly and painfully, while leaving the physical infrastructure alone. Once the human enemy has been utterly liquidated through these gruesome inhumane methods, a puppet government can be set up which will manage the booty of war according to the directives issued by the victor. While the things I am describing for you are indeed sickening, this is the cold reality of current and future warfare; and it is at this very moment moving into the cyber-arena as well.

In the case of the recent aerial bombardments of Belgrade and other Yugoslav cities, President Clinton and his gang relied partially upon the old way of doing things, but also upon the new way as well. They did the same thing in Iraq. In other words, instead of fighting a bloody hand to hand war where countless lives could have been lost, which would have resulted in public support for the war being extremely low, they kept human casualties to a minimum by selectively bombing from the air, while also waging a simultaneous psychological war, as they waited for the patience of the people, in this case Iraqis and Serbs, to run out, so that they would turn on their own leaders. Let's face it; the normal person is only willing to sacrifice so much physical comfort for the sake of patriotism, before he will finally turn on his leader and say "Enough is enough. I can't take this any longer. Give them whatever they want". In the case of the wars against Iraq and Yugoslavia, the Western press would have us to believe that the West has been victorious, and that the Iraqis have turned against Saddam Hussein, and the Serbs have turned against Slobodan Milosevic; but I really wonder if this is the case. For all of the Western rhetoric, both men are still firmly in power; are they not?

While we have delved into the various aspects of physical human warfare, let us return now to our main theme of spiritual warfare, and connect the various pieces together. Is it possible that, similar to some of the hideous weapons described above, Satan might also possess a secret weapon? Is it possible that, in a spiritual sense, like Jewish King Zedekiah of old, he has laid siege against us, and left some of us totally defenseless and spiritually blinded, and that we may not even realize it? While I have asked a number of rhetorical questions, I do intend to provide you with an answer; and the answer to all of the previous questions, in my view, is a resounding "Yes!". However, before, providing you with a fuller answer, allow me to share a few more things with you with which I believe most Christian will agree. We might refer to the following beliefs as our common doctrinal denominators.

First of all, I believe that as Bible-believing Christians, those of you reading this can agree that the Bible teaches us that there is one God the Father. In like manner, we should also be able to agree upon the fact that the Bible teaches us that God the Father has an only-begotten Son; that of course being Jesus Christ. Finally, as Christians who accept the Holy Scriptures as the Word of Truth, we also commonly believe in the existence of the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Spirit if you prefer. Now, whether you personally view the Holy Spirit as being an actual entity, or simply as an extension of God the Father Himself, is not particularly relevant for the point I am trying to make here. In like manner, whether you view what I have just described for you as being a "Holy Trinity", that is, three beings in one, or as two or three separate entities, is also not particularly relevant for the point I wish to make.

What is important for this particular discussion, is that the Godhead thinks, works and acts together as one. It is in unity with each of its parts. There is a common agreement concerning the ultimate objectives of God's overall plan. In short, there is no spiritual schism in the Godhead. It is for this reason, that in his first Epistle, the Apostle John was inspired to write:

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one." 1 John 5:5-8, KJV

As we saw in part one of this series, Jesus likewise prayed that His followers would be as one; that is, He prayed that they too would be in spiritual unity with each other; just as He is in spiritual unity with the Father. As Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews right before they tried to stone Him to death:

"I and my Father are one." John 10:30, KJV

It is because Jesus uttered such bold truthful statements as the above, that we also find verses such as the following in the four Gospels, which clearly demonstrate and expose the Jews' pre-meditated plan to murder their very own Saviour, and ours as well; so please don't accept the modern Jewish lie which tries to switch the blame to their Roman pawns:

"Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God." John 5:18, KJV

In addition to the fact that we can agree that the Godhead thinks and works as one in order to achieve one common purpose, we can also agree that, as it is written in John chapter one, Jesus Christ is the Word of God who became flesh, and that He is the only-begotten Son of God; meaning that He was the only one who was born of a human woman by the Will of God. I explain this point in more detail in the in-depth series "Is Jesus The Only Begotten Son Of God?". The main point I wish to emphasize is that Jesus is unique. He is one of a kind. To take this a step further, I believe that it is also safe to say that we can agree to the fact that Jesus Christ came to preach a singular Gospel of Truth and Salvation, which He had specifically received, by permission, from His Father. As Jesus Himself said:

". . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise . . . I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me . . . And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

John 5:19b, 30, 12:50, KJV

As a final point, I believe that we can also agree that all of the events and writings of the Old Testament lead up to one common point, one common apex, one common event; and that event was the arrival of the Saviour. So what we see here is a very large degree of spiritual unity up until the First Century. We have one Godhead with one purpose, one Son of God born in the flesh, one Gospel being preached, one Plan of Salvation revealed to the people, and one Saviour to fulfill that Plan of Salvation. But then what happened? I'll tell you what happened; the Jews are what happened; the children of hell, as Jesus called them, is what happened! As we read in John chapters one and three:

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not." John 1:11, KJV

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:19-20, KJV

The Apostle John later expounded more fully on these words when he wrote the following in several of his Epistles regarding those Jewish antichrists who had rejected Christ:

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard

that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time . . . Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." 1 John 2:18, 22, KJV

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." 1 John 4:3, KJV

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." 2 John 1:7, KJV

The minute that Jesus Christ died on the Cross, and then rose from the dead three days later, Satan was utterly defeated. It is for this reason that Jesus prophetically said in advance of His Sacrifice of Love:

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33, KJV

Jesus overcame the world! He overcame Satan! He overcame death and the grave! He was totally victorious! It is for this reason, that the Apostle Paul declared in his first Epistle to the Corinthians:

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:55-57, KJV

Now, Satan knew very well that he was defeated. Through his own pride, and through his own foolishness of inciting those rebellious Jews to murder Jesus, he in essence defeated himself; however, that didn't mean that he couldn't still try to wreak havoc, cause some damage, and try to hinder God's Plans. So what did he do next? He decided to try to change history, and to change the singular Gospel which Jesus and His followers had been preaching. Exactly how did he do this? By continuing to use the very same ones who had served him so well up until that point; the rebellious Jews! The first part of the plan was to try to discredit the Resurrection; to say that it never happened; to wipe it from the history books; thus we find this episode at the end of the Gospel of Matthew:

"Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day." Matthew 28:11-15, KJV

Of course, God was one step ahead of them; and that is why He made sure that over five hundred different people were witnesses to Christ's Resurrection. Denying the account of one or two witnesses might be easy, but over five hundred of them? Try as they might, those rebellious Jewish Elders were simply not able to prevent the truth from getting out; and we can all thank the Lord for that!:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, KJV

When that part of their plan failed, as we saw in part one, by the inspiration of Satan, those antichrist Jews took their plan a step further; they decided to infiltrate the First Century Church, in order to wreak havoc and discord by spreading their false doctrines! And what had Jesus said some years before?:

"How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." Matthew 16:11-12, KJV

Those heretical Jews tried to pollute and corrupt the original teachings! They tried to twist and pervert what had been taught by Jesus, and then what continued to be taught by the pillars of the Church during that First Century. You see, Satan knew that he couldn't really change the past; he knew that he couldn't totally undo what Jesus Christ had already accomplished on the Cross; but maybe he knew that he could at least slow down and inhibit the process of Eternal Salvation, by corrupting the original Gospel, and thus make it more difficult to obtain Salvation; at least according to his new version of the Gospel. Thus, his human emissaries, the antichrist Jews, began to infiltrate the Early Church, and began to spread their evil lies about the continuing necessity of circumcision, and other aspects of the Mosaic Law. In other words, they tried to change God's Plan of Salvation from one of faith alone, to one of faith and works, and other special requirements, which the Apostle Paul clearly opposed, as I point out in some of my other articles.

Now, this brings us back to Satan's secret weapon, which I began to discuss earlier. You see, one strong point of the Jews, is that they are excellent long-term planners. They may not live to see their plans completely fulfilled, but that doesn't matter to them. Like their father the devil, they are very patient strategists. They will work for centuries at a certain plan, in order to achieve a specific objective. Thus, it should come as no surprise to us, that as early as the First Century writings, we find the First Apostles warning us of another gospel, and of another Jesus being preached. Even before all of the Original Twelve had died, another gospel had already begun to be preached! In fact, I would dare say that there was more than one! Isn't it rather interesting that the Gnostics, the Essenes, and other mysterious groups began to appear around that time period; which seem to have adopted parts of the Gospel of Christ, but then added other strange and esoteric teachings?

Please think about this point for a moment. From the little we have learned about them, some of these groups were very secretive; they lived in isolated places; such as around the Dead Sea. Their power does not appear to have been so much in their ability to go about publicly preaching another false gospel; as it was in the written word; and that is the key to this whole riddle. Like all men, the conspiratorial Jews of that time period were ordinary men who lived ordinary life spans; thus, they had to find a way to slow down the cause of Christ in the future. And what was that way? My guess is that it was by leaving behind a false record; a false gospel; in fact, many false gospels, which would contradict each other, and confuse and confound potential Christian believers in some future time period.

If you really doubt that this is what has happened, then consider for a moment the assortment of apocryphal and pseudepigraphical works which have been discovered since that time. I have read quite a number of them, and I must tell you that most of them contain some rather strange and confusing stories and doctrines which I personally do not accept as having been Divinely Inspired. The spirit simply is not the same in my view. It is a strange spirit. It is a humanistic spirit. It is a subtle, deceptive spirit. I do not have an inner peace about many of those writings.

Theoretically-speaking, the closer one lived to the source, that is, to the time when Jesus and His First Disciples actually lived, the easier it would be to differentiate the true Gospel of Christ from the false one. Maybe a person never met Christ, or one of His original Apostles, himself, but maybe he knew someone who did; and they could help to confirm what he had heard about this strange new Gospel of the Resurrection from the Dead. By the same token, as one becomes more distanced from the events of the First Century, and thus from the original writings and teachings, the issue begins to become more blurred and confusing, as more false gospels and scrolls began to appear on the historical scene.

In short, what Satan started several thousands of years ago, he has continued to do to our very day, albeit in a slightly different form. Back then, he had his false scribes create many different imitation scrolls, in order to confuse the potential believers. To the untrained eye, to those who had not been trained directly by Christ, or perhaps by one of His Apostles, or maybe by one of their immediate Disciples, it would be difficult to notice the difference between the Divinely Inspired scrolls, and the false ones. Physically speaking, they would all look about the same. Not only that, but a cunning deceiver would gradually introduce changes to the original text, as changing too much of the text at once would certainly be too obvious, and would draw a lot of attention to what was really being committed in the name of truth. But over a period of time, these small, unnoticed changes, a few words omitted or changed here, an extra phrase added there, would result in an entirely new doctrine; a false doctrine, and a false gospel, which was a perversion of the original.

Thus, the corruptors did their dirty work, just as they are doing in our current time as well; and that is why we have so many different versions of the Bible today. As I point out in such articles as "Have You Read The New Scriptures Yet?", as well as in part two of "A Biblical Cafeteria Or The Whole Course?", this deceptive work was not left to the Jews alone. Only a few hundred years after Christ, when true Christianity moved out of the coliseums of Rome, and into the grandstands, and became a popular religion, others, such as those people who would eventually become the founding fathers of the Roman Catholic Church, also got into the act, in order to promote their own agendas; the purpose of which was to consolidate both their power and their wealth; even if it was at the expense of doctrinal purity; which it most certainly was, and has been.

Yes, our modern Bibles may all look the same on the outside, just as a lot of those old scrolls are similar in appearance as well; but hidden within their thin onion skin pages, they contain many subtle changes which have been slowly made over time; a little change here, a little change there; a little deception here, and a little deception there. As noted a moment ago, on its own, one small change may not appear to be very significant, but collectively, when one considers all of the changes which have been made in a particular new version, then the truth becomes rather alarming! Someone has intentionally perverted the true Gospel of Jesus Christ!

For this reason then, in our current day, it requires a lot of spiritual discernment, in order to really know what is of Divine Inspiration. Sadly, this Gift of the Spirit is sorely lacking within modern Christianity, as the myriad of Bibles and confusing doctrines attests. It should now be very clear to you what Satan's secret weapon has been. It may very well be that black or red leather or vinyl bound book which is inscribed with the words "Holy Bible"! Is it the real thing; or is it a modern "designer version", designed to trick and deceive you into believing things which are not Scripturally sound, and to destroy the sure foundation of your faith? In the next installment of this series, I will be offering an interesting parallel, which will emphasize how Satan has stripped us of our most valuable weapon, and replaced it with an inferior product.

In addition, I will also begin to offer my explanations as to why I choose to use the beloved, and time-tested, KJV Bible. This will include the discussion of such topics as God's Sword of division or plastic swords, weak shepherds, ecumenism and the Dalai Lama, the human family or the Lord's family, children by adoption, one true Gospel and one common Bible version, constitutions Bibles and hymnals, spiritual anarchy, hundreds of counterfeits, doctrinal unity through one version, Elizabethan English and foreign languages, perverted American English, America's evil children, the readability of the KJV Bible, my young daughter's example, parental responsibility, "Baby Hueys", spiritual divorce, evilness of television and spiritual mountaineers. I trust that you will join me.

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God's Sword Of Division Or Plastic Swords?, Weak Shepherds Ecumenism And The Dalai Lama, Human Family Or God's Family?, Children By Adoption, One True Gospel - One Common Version, Constitutions Bibles And Hymnals, Spiritual Anarchy, 100's Of Counterfeits, Doctrinal Unity Through One Version, Why The KJV?, Elizabethan English And Foreign Languages, Crime Of Perverted American English, America's Hell Generation, Readability Of The KJV, My Daughter's Example, Parental Responsibility, Baby Hueys, Spiritually Divorced From His Word, Evil Television Set, Spiritual Truth For The Worthy

Just as the ancient armies of Babylon sieged Jerusalem, cut off her vital supplies, and then plucked out the eyes of King Zedekiah once victory had been won, Satan has also laid siege against many Christians, cut off their supply of real spiritual nourishment, exchanged their most prized weapon for a poor counterfeit, and spiritually blinded them as they read those modern treacherous tomes. Many Christians are aware of the fact that God's Word is likened to a sharp spiritual sword. From the words of Jesus, as well as from the writings of John and Paul, we can see that using this sword is supposed to sharply cut people to the heart, and force them to take a stand; either for the truth of God's Word, or else against it. Consider the following verses which clearly support this view:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:34-37, KJV

"Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is

the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him." John 7:40-43, KJV

"But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both." Acts 23:6-8, KJV

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" Ephesians 6:17, KJV

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God . . . And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." Revelation 19:15, 21, KJV

Sadly, as we have now seen, many Christians no longer possess this vital weapon in their spiritual arsenal; and that includes the Christian leadership. They have foolishly traded it in for a cheap, plastic, toy sword. A real sword is sharp, and heavy. It requires time, and proper training, in order to learn to use it skillfully, and with accuracy. But in this day and age of junk food, designer jeans, and digital noise which is still called music, many Christians have also foolishly decided that a spiritually lighter, "designer version" of the Bible, designed for their own deception, is better than the heavyweight version, which still contains the whole truth of God's Word, and which convicts not only their own hearts, but the hearts of others as well. God's Word is clearly supposed to divide the sheep from the goats. It is supposed to divide the chaff from the real wheat. It is even supposed to divide families. Is this what we see in the world of modern Christianity today? For those who have remained faithful to the Lord, and who have not surrendered the true Word of God, yes; but as for those who have compromised their faith, and replaced their heavy iron sword with a plastic one, definitely not!

As we saw in part one, these weak, pitiful, modern, false shepherds of the Lord's flocks, have become so spiritually debilitated because of their unwise abandonment of God's true spiritual nourishment; and they have become so utterly defenseless because they have forsaken the true Sword of the Spirit, that rather than lift up the standard, and fight against the enemy, in their spiritual blindness, they have chosen to join hands with him. Forget what Jesus said about His Father's Word causing division. This is a new age which requires a new gospel of reconciliation with our enemies. Our doctrinal differences aren't really that great they claim. They don't really matter as long as we love each other they claim. Let's all hop on board the ecumenical wagon and show more compassion, and more understanding towards each other. Do you honestly believe that Christians are the only ones saying this? Well, guess again! Following is a quote taken directly from a web site which promotes Tenzin Gyatso, the fourteenth Dalai Lama:

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"My message is the practice of compassion, love, and kindness. Compassion can be put into practice if one recognizes the fact that every human being is a member of humanity and the human family regardless of differences in religion, culture, color, and creed. Deep down there is no difference."

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On the surface, this seems to be a wonderful statement; and if you are short-sighted enough, you just might be willing to accept it; but if you are a true child of God, you can see that it really wreaks of secular humanism, globalism, compromise and deception. Yes, it is true that we are all a part of the human family; and it is also true that deep within, we all long for the same things. In that regard, there is no difference between us; but exactly how far are we supposed to take this man's statement "... there is no difference"? Are we supposed to take it to the point where we compromise our sacred Christian beliefs, and sacrifice our doctrinal purity, in order to become one with the world, and one with the false religions of the world?

Contrary to what Christ and His Apostles taught us, some of our Christian leaders certainly seem to think so. They have betrayed their brothers and sisters in the Lord! They have forgotten that through the Blood of Jesus Christ, we have been adopted into a much more important spiritual family; that of course being the Household of God Himself; and we are a part of the greatest nation upon this Earth, and the only one that God recognizes; the worldwide invisible nation of the born again Children of God; and you can only become a part of God's Family, and God's Nation, if you accept Jesus Christ! That leaves out Muslims, Buddhists, and anyone else who rejects the Precious Blood of the Lamb of God! The proof is clearly found in His Word; His real Word, as we see by the following verses:

"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," Ephesians 1:5, KJV

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but

fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" Ephesians 2:19, KJV "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Romans 8:15, KJV "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. Matthew 21:43, KJV "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:20-21, KJV "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" 1 Peter 2:9, KJV

So once again, let me say that these Christian shepherds are like blindfolded little children who are playing with their plastic swords; all the while thinking that they must be brandishing some awesome weapon; while the enemy laughs in their faces, as he moves the little sword away with his hand, and says "Would you like to come and meditate with me again little brother Christian?".

Yes, there is supposed to be unity; but it is not unity with our enemies! As we saw earlier in this series, up until the latter half of the First Century, there was a clear unity in Spirit and in purpose amongst the Early Christians. They believed in one Godhead, one Jesus Christ, one Plan of Salvation, and one Gospel; which they preached by word of mouth, from town to town, and from village to village. It was kept pure by those who had sat at Jesus' feet, as well as by those who had been trained directly by the Apostles. The true doctrine of the faith was carefully guarded and preserved, and anyone who dared to say or teach otherwise, was apparently excommunicated from fellowship. This is made perfectly clear to us by the verses I shared in part one of this series. There was no room for compromise!

If there was only one true Gospel two thousand years ago, there should only be one true Gospel today as well; yet this is definitely not the case. We Christians live in a world of doctrinal confusion; and as I have already made clear, it is definitely not of God! Please ask yourself; how can we possibly begin to be in spiritual and doctrinal unity like the First Century Church, as Jesus and Paul desired, if we can't even quote and study from the very same Bible? Is it really that difficult to see that having so many different versions of Bibles on the market today is a divisive tactic of Satan? Not in my mind! Through this clever tactic, Satan has attacked the very foundation which binds our Christian family together; and that is a common, and agreed upon, inspired Word of God; one Gospel, and not hundreds of them!

We can no more use more than one valid English translation of the Bible, than a congress or parliament can rely upon more than one valid constitution to write the laws for its country. Such a body would rarely agree upon anything due to so many different interpretations of the law being used by that body; and that country would soon fall into total anarchy and confusion; and eventually be overrun by its enemies. Or consider if you were at a sports event, and just before it was about to begin, everyone stood up to sing your national anthem. Suddenly, the arena is filled with the ugliest sound you ever did hear, as twenty thousand people started singing different versions of the same song, because some people got the bright idea that they didn't like a few words, so they decided to change them; or maybe they felt the tune needed to be modernized a little to fit the time period, so they changed just a few notes, and increased the tempo. After all, changing just a few words, or a few notes, won't make that much of a difference, will it? It's still the same song isn't it? It reminds me of some of these upbeat, modern versions of traditional Christian hymns. How disgusting! They have violated the sanctity of the songs, and made them absolutely worldly!

From another perspective, for those of you who are churchgoers, or who attend some form of fellowship, wouldn't it be rather odd, and cause a great deal of confusion, if your priest, pastor, minister or shepherd asked his congregation to turn to a certain verse in the Bible, and to read it aloud in unison; and all of a sudden, to everyone's great surprise, the church or fellowship was filled with absolute confusion as everyone tried to read the same verse from twenty different versions of the Bible? Or what if your chorus leader, or inspiration leader, said, "Okay, everyone, please turn in your hymnals to hymn number fifty". So everyone obediently turns to hymn number fifty in their particular hymnal, and again the church or fellowship is filled with absolute confusion, because everyone is using a different version of the hymnal book.

Just as trying to use more than one valid constitution to establish a certain country's laws and political policies would eventually lead to chaos, confusion and anarchy, due to so many different interpretations and understandings of those multiple constitutions, because we have allowed and encouraged more than one valid English translation of the Bible in the world today, it has also resulted in worldwide spiritual anarchy, total doctrinal confusion and disunity within the Christian body. Yes, each individual part, that is, each particular church or fellowship, may have a degree of unity because they use the same Bible, but beyond that level, there is definitely very little unity in the worldwide Body of Christ today. No one can deny this.

Amazing as it may seem, some time ago, I recall reading a certain article which claimed that there are now over seven hundred and fifty different translations of the English Bible in circulation. There is one for the housewife, and one for the working husband, and one for the college student, and one for the little girl in kindergarten, and one for this, and one for that, and the list goes on and on. Imagine if you will, if seven hundred and fifty different versions of the Gospel of John had been distributed during the First Century. Where would the Church be today? Would there even be a Church? Do you not see the danger in this? Can you not sense how Satan has had a heyday with the Lord's children, by dividing and weakening both us, and God's Word, through his subtle tactics? Do you not realize that that black tome sitting on your desktop with the title inscribed, "Holy Bible", might actually be Satan's secret weapon, his counterfeit, and not the real thing?

As I have now made abundantly clear, what I find so alarming about this situation, is that I know that some of you who are reading this message, are in fact shepherds yourselves over some of the Lord's flocks, in teaching positions, etc. Despite this grave responsibility which has been placed upon your shoulders, you seem to be of the opinion that having so many English translations of the Bible is alright. Brethren, Satan is out to defeat God's people; and one way in which he is accomplishing his goal, is by weakening, perverting and polluting the very spiritual Rock which forms the foundation of our faith; God's Holy Word; and yet some of you leaders find nothing wrong with this! Your lack of spiritual discernment amazes me!

Now, before I continue, allow me to make an important point. I believe that I have a realistic view of the situation. As such, please do not think that I am suggesting that if every English-speaking Christian in the world were to suddenly start using the very same version of the Bible, all of our doctrinal and unity problems would just fade away overnight. Such a thought would be ludicrous; however, what I will say, is that if such a thing were possible, it would at least be the beginning of the solution. Why? Because doctrine is in part determined by what is printed in black and white. If we are all reading the same thing in black and white, then it seems to me that we might be more inclined to come to the same conclusions regarding our understanding of a particular verse or group of verses. It might take a while, but our chances of success are much higher if we are at least using the same version; don't you agree? For example, two people can immediately begin to understand each other a lot better if they are both speaking the same language, than if one is speaking English, while the other is speaking French. Our main problem is that we can't even agree upon a common language; that is to say, one common version of the Bible.

At this point in our discussion, the obvious question is, "Alright WordWeaver; so which one do you use?". As the title of this series denotes, I use only the Authorized King James Version of the Bible; commonly referred to as the KJV, or as the AKJV. I have been using it alone since 1971, and have no intentions of switching to the NKJV, or to any other modern version. Why have I chosen to remain with the KJV all of these years? While some of you might be led to think that it is just a matter of habit, or tradition, this is not the case whatsoever. While I was raised a Catholic, and thus read the Catholic Bible and Catholic catechisms as a young boy, when I became a teenager, I switched to the more modern "Good News For Modern Man", which did not help my situation very much. When I began to use the KJV in 1971, as with most people, I imagine that I may have found the language used a little odd. I honestly cannot remember, as it was so long ago; but I grew to like and accept it.

Now, years later, I realize that I made a wise choice to remain with the KJV. What I have learned through personal study, is that the devout men of God who performed the 1611 translation for King James, were brilliant scholars, and very educated in the Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic languages. Not only that, but they had access to the very same Textus Receptus, which is available to scholars and translators today; and I am referring to the real one, and not to the fake, corrupt one which appeared later; nor to the fake documents which were invented by the Roman Catholic Church; such as the Vaticanus text which was reportedly found in a garbage dump, nor to some of the corrupted texts which I believe were found at Alexandria. What I have also learned is that any authentic parchments or scrolls which have been discovered since that time, have only served to verify the accuracy of the King James Version of the Bible, and not to detract from it. Most importantly however, I personally sense the power of God in the KJV Bible. It is alive with Power, Spirit and Truth. It speaks out to me like no other version does. In my opinion, the others are dry and Spiritless. The KJV moves me! It excites me!

Even if you choose to ignore my personal feelings regarding the KJV Bible, and just want to look at the historical facts, this still leads me to ask you, that is, if you use another version other than the KJV, why is there even a need for another version? What is wrong with the KJV? It has passed the test of time. Millions of souls have been won to Christ by it over the past almost four centuries. It has been soundly proven to be a very accurate translation of the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts; or perhaps it would be more correct to say, of the copies of the originals, being as the originals penned by the Old Testament Prophets, and the New Testament Apostles, are long gone as far as we know.

Of course, I am fully aware of the fact that one of the most common arguments which is sometimes used to try to discredit the validity of using the Authorized King James Version of the Bible in our modern day, is that we are almost living in the 21st century; and thus, the language of the KJV has become outdated. In other words, some of the critics of the KJV Bible claim that it is too difficult for modern people to understand due to its Elizabethan English. One person who wrote to me recently, even went so far as to compare the English used in the KJV to a foreign language! I find such a thought to be absolutely ludicrous! Let's be honest here. If a young English-speaking person can go to school, and over a period of a few short years, learn a foreign language like Spanish, French, German or Italian, which has completely different word and sentence structure, how can anyone even dare to suggest that that same capable person will find difficulty in understanding a form of English which only has a few slight variations from his own? Thus, in my view, this argument is baseless; unless of course we are dealing with a country which is full of absolute morons! Are we?

Now, I'll tell you what is a foreign language. It is the

perverted and polluted English which is spoken throughout the United States of America on city streets, in the public school system, and on millions of television sets across the land! It seems that in our modern, "enlightened" country, one is not very American unless he knows how to cuss in every other word of his sentence! He's not very "macho" as they say. It is the very same proud, belligerent spirit which pervades oppressive, and aggressive, American foreign policy; and the world is beginning to hate it!

Now, in my view, it isn't that the English in the KJV Bible is really that outdated; as most of it is not. In fact, it has been kept pure from lingual pollution for literally hundreds of years. While I have no facts to substantiate this claim, I would dare say that all of this resistance to using the KJV Bible originates in the USA, and nowhere else. I will explain why I believe this in just a moment. You see, the real problem is the corruption of American English; and more importantly, it is the physical, mental and spiritual corruption of the American citizen himself, who has become so spiritually callous, and hardened of heart due to his easy, affluent, materialistic lifestyle, that he cannot even begin to understand the wonderful, spiritual truths which are plainly stated in the KJV Bible. As the Apostle Paul wrote so long ago:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

To be quite frank with you the reader, from my many online experiences with young American teenagers, I have to say that, next to the antichrist Jews themselves, some of these kids are the most antichrist people I have ever met in my entire life! Their total lack of reverential fear of God, and their utter disrespect for His Holy Word, the Bible, absolutely amazes and astounds me! I am not exaggerating! They are a generation of the children of hell! My young daughter can fully testify to this fact, because she often observes the language that they use, and the messages that they post on our server. The filthy, sexually-explicit, perverted language some of them use in reference to our God, and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is nothing short of disgusting! These are children who are supposedly raised in so-called "Christian America"! Well, I know exactly where the problem lies; and I talk all about it in my revelatory article "The Plight Of The Children". I do hope that you will find the time to read it.

But let us return for a moment to the scholastic aspect of the KJV Bible. I have read commentaries which state that when compared with some of the other more modern versions, the KJV scores much higher in scholastic reading and grammar tests. In fact, if I recall correctly, it is at the fifth grade reading level. In other words, a fifth grade American student can easily read the KJV Bible, and grasp most of its meaning if he applies himself to the task. I will even take this a step further; and I hope that it will embarrass those of you who oppose and fight against the KJV Bible with your unfounded claims. My daughter is of elementary school age. She is just a normal child. While she sometimes likes to think otherwise, in a scholastic sense, she is above average in some areas, but by no means exceptional. She could be the child next door. Not only does she use the KJV Bible, and understand a great deal of it, and know many of its stories and parables, and have quite a few of its verses memorized, but she also knows how to use the electronic Hebrew and Greek lexicons, and her dictionary, which sits between us on our work table, between our computers, so that we can share it together.

Now, if this precious little child of the Lord can take the initiative and do that, because she hungers for the full truth of God's Word, why can't some of you adults do the very same thing? Furthermore, why can't you take the time to explain things to your children when there is something in the Bible which they don't understand, instead of relying upon Sunday school teachers, and watered-down, comic book style versions of the Bible to do the job for you, and a pitiful one at that? Do you see where the finger is pointing now? Might it be as I have said in my article, "Are You Just A Baby Huey?", that some of you are spiritually "Baby Hueys" yourselves, who must have everything easily spoon-fed to you? Might it be that easy American life, and too many hours of television has softened the brains of many American adults and children? Considering the poor grammar, and the myriad of misspelled words I see in many UseNet newsgroups, etc., I don't doubt this for a moment.

Consider this sobering question: Just as over the past three decades, as a part of the spirit of so-called "women's lib", many American women have gone from breast-feeding to the unnatural use of the milk bottle, and have decided that they now have the right to abort their God-given babies, might it be that in a spiritual sense, America has done the exact same thing? Have many Americans divorced themselves from the pure unadulterated Word of God as found in the KJV Bible, and foolishly accepted some seven hundred and fifty cheap, counterfeit, and less nutritional brands, which are full of all kinds of corruption which pollute the mind and spirit with false doctrines and half-truths? As the Apostle Peter wrote:

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:" 1 Peter 2:2, KJV

Furthermore, might it be that many American parents have taught these same bad spiritual habits to their children, so that their children are not even willing to attempt to read and understand the beautiful language that is found in the KJV Bible? After all, playing video games on the television set is much more fun, and it doesn't convict one's heart to do good. In fact, it continually teaches evil, violence, anti-God science, and unnatural, perverted and unrestrained sex! The television set is the very broadcaster of Satan's evil voice which has invaded many American homes across the land; and I daresay, in many other countries of the world as well! It has become the universal electronic babysitter!

In one of His most famous sermons of all times, the Lord Jesus Christ spoke the following words of truth to those sincere Disciples who followed Him that day up the steep trail to the top of a mountain:

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matthew 7:7-8, KJV

Have people in our modern day become too spiritually lazy to seek out the truth of God's Word? Have you become too lazy to seek out the truth of God's Word? Didn't Jesus even speak in Parables, so that only those who were truly spiritually hungry would seek out the truth from Him? In the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, we find the following account:

"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."

Didn't Jesus even travel to secluded mountaintops where only the rugged and the worthy followed Him in order to hear Him preach, while the weaker sheep and the half-hearts stayed in the valleys below? As I have pointed out before, due in part to the false impression many people have been given by Hollywood movies, it is commonly believed that thousands of people heard Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount; but that is not the case. We are clearly told in the Scriptures, that only His Disciples followed our Lord to the mountaintop that day, while the vast multitudes did not rejoin Him, until after He had returned from the mountain three chapters later; so apparently they must have remained behind, because they were not willing to make the difficult trek up the mountainside. Following is clear Scriptural proof of this:

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:" Matthew 5:1, KJV

"When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him." Matthew 8:1, KJV

Clearly then, it is only those who truly hunger after the Words of Life, those who make a sincere, honest effort to hear, read and study them, who shall indeed be filled. It is for this reason, that in echoing the Lord's own words, the Apostle Paul wrote:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15, KJV

In the final installment of this series, we will take a look

at such topics as the example of the Bereans, TV dinners and American Christianity, modern NCRAP versions, Godly Guidance or footnotes, serious omissions in the NCRAP versions, the subtle attack on Jesus' unique status, the motivations of modern Bible publishers, the "anti-Semitism" in the KJV, the Jewish controllers, Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, respect for God's Word, the Divine Inspiration of God's Word, some tough questions, God's last warning, and my closing remarks. I trust that you will join me.

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Example Of The Bereans, TV Dinners And American Christianity Modern NCRAP Versions, Godly Guidance Or Footnotes?, Serious Omissions In NCRAP Versions, Our Web Site, Attack On Jesus' Unique Status, Historical Recap Of The Conspiracy, Modern Bible Publishers And Their Goal, KJV - A Very Anti-Semitic Book. Jewish Controllers, Philip And The Ethiopian Eunuch, Respect For God's Word, Divine Inspiration Of God's Word Some Tough Questions, God's Last Warning, Closing Remarks

As I concluded in part three, it is only those dedicated mountaineers, who are willing to make the spiritual trek up the steep mountain trail, who are rewarded with the true riches of God's Holy Word. Thank the Lord that, even in our modern day, there are still those few people who follow the example of the Bereans found in Acts chapter seventeen; and who don't allow themselves to be easily deceived by every fast-talking preacher who comes along with a new doctrine, or by some money-minded Bible publisher who offers them a more modern version of the Holy Scriptures. In the Book of Acts we read:

"And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:10-11, KJV

These gold-miners of the Spirit enjoy delving into the deep wonders of His Word. To such people, my writings only serve as a supplementary diet, and as spiritual snacks, and maybe even as a confirmation of what they have already discovered in His Word, because they have already grown up spiritually; and they know how to find the spiritual food for themselves.

But sadly, this is not so for many people in the Christian West, particularly in the United States of America. They want everything served on a silver platter for them; like those very popular "TV dinners"; already half-cooked and interpreted for them, in easy-to-understand modern words; even if the original meaning has been changed; or even if some important words or entire verses have been omitted; or even if the Power of the Spirit has been lost, or even if a few notes have been taken out of the song. Some of them are so spiritually out of tune already, that they won't notice anyway. They will just keep on going through the motions of being Christians, singing those same old dirges in their off-key Babylonian confusion, never even realizing that something is terribly wrong; never even realizing that they are no longer the great Christian nation that they claim to be; at least not until they feel the Heavy Hand of the Lord!

Satan has blinded their hearts through their affluence, and he has fed them his lethal poison in all of those Bible look-alikes called the modern translations. As my regular readers know, while the big Bible publishers like to refer to their doses of devilish doctrine as the NIV, or the NKJV, or the NASV, I prefer to place them all in one neat little category which I refer to as the NCRAP versions; which stands for New Corrupted Revised And Perverted versions; because that is precisely what they are. They are like the neat, pre-fabricated meals which are conveniently served at fast-food restaurants, which are full of growth hormones, grease and cholesterol, sugar and other health-robbing chemicals! In these modern versions, everything is already prepared for the reader, with footnotes at the bottom, and personal commentaries in the margins, so that nothing is left to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The unsuspecting reader is told exactly what he should believe as he reads; and surely the Bible publisher couldn't be wrong, could he? As in the food we eat, so too in our study of the Bible, convenience seems to be the word of the day; even if it is at the expense of sacrificing doctrinal purity!

This brings us to one of the final points I wish to discuss in this current series. Some of the people who attack the KJV, will argue that if our primary goal as Christians is to win souls to the Kingdom of God, then it is only logical that we should want to use a version of the Bible which is more easily understood by the masses, and which easily conveys the Salvation message. Personally, I do not accept this argument for one minute; and if some of these people who make this claim would seriously, and sincerely, take the time to study more closely the obvious differences between the KJV Bible, and some of these other modern translations, they would quickly realize how deceitful these other versions really are.

At this point, some of you who resist my words are probably saying to yourselves, "Alright, WordWeaver; so what are all of these terrible differences which you claim exist between your beloved KJV and all of the other versions?". Obviously, due to the fact that there are literally hundreds of English translations of the Holy Bible on the market today, for me to list all of the differences which exist between even just a few of them, would require a great deal of time and space. Having said that, I enourage you to visit some of the other websites which are dedicated to fully exposing the spiritual treachery of these other modern counterfeit Bibles.

If you take up this challenge, what you will discover is that many key words and phrases which are found in the KJV Bible, which help to emphasize the Divinity of Christ, the important relationship that He has with the Father, and the significance of His sufferings as a necessary part of God's Plan of Salvation, are either completely omitted in the NCRAP versions, or else they are changed to words which, in my view, carry a lot less spiritual impact. These include such words and phrases as God, Jesus Christ our Lord, Jesus Christ, Jesus, Christ, the Lord, Holy Spirit, the blood, etc. In some instances, where such words are not completely omitted, they are replaced with he, the one, the spirit, and similar less emphatic words. Finally, in some of the NCRAP versions of the Bible, certain verses which are included in the actual text of the King James Version of the Bible, are relegated to footnotes, as if they are of lesser importance, or are of doubtful authenticity

To the honest seeker of truth, it becomes very clear that someone has made an intentional effort to purposely demote the status of Jesus Christ. This being the case, how can those who attack the KJV Bible, possibly claim that the newer NCRAP translations more clearly explain the message of Salvation? It is a complete lie! Please note that while I have emphasized the deficiency of these other verses as they relate to God's Plan of Salvation, these are not the only corruptions found in the modern versions. There are many more; some of them quite contradictory to what is stated in the KJV; which you will discover as you begin your research.

This leads us into our final point of discussion for this series: Who is behind this conspiracy and widespread onslaught of God's Holy Word, and why are they doing it? As I have already pointed out, Satan the adversary is most definitely the spiritual force who has inspired this war against the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have also seen that since some two thousand years ago, he has employed the services of the antichrist Jews in order to try to defeat God's Divine Purposes. From verbal attacks on Jesus Christ, they soon graduated to treachery and murder. When that failed, they relied upon bribes to silence the witness of those who knew the truth regarding the Resurrection. Next, they began their verbal assaults against the fledgling Church. When that failed to work, they resorted to more persecution and murder, such as in the case of the stoning of Stephen, the beheading of James, and the pharisaical Saul persecuting the Early Church. But there again, persecution only seemed to increase the Christian numbers; and that is when the Jews decided upon the most subtle forms of attack of all: infiltration into the flocks, and spreading false confusing doctrine by word of mouth, as well as by creating false gospels, or ancient NCRAP versions, which would endure long past their physical lifetimes.

Today, as I mentioned earlier in this series, the very same technique continues to be employed by those who would corrupt the truth of God's Word. Some time ago, I read a commentary which stated that there is a concerted effort amongst some of the large American Bible publishers, to slowly, but totally, remove the KJV Bible from circulation; and I might add that, from all indications, they are most assuredly succeeding at their goal! Why is there this major modern attack on the KJV Bible? Might one reason be because it is the only English language Bible which does not have a copyright, and thus can be freely copied and distributed by anyone, to anyone in the world? Might it have something to do with the fact that the continued popularity of the KJV Bible places a big dent in the potential profits made by some of these large Bible publishers who sell these hundreds of other NCRAP versions? Just imagine how much profit these companies must be earning through the sale of so many different versions of the Sacred Text. It must be enormous!

To take this thought a step further, might this campaign against the KJV Bible be fueled by some of these large Bible publishers, because they are controlled by persons who hate the glaring truth and purity which is found only in the KJV Bible? The truth of the matter is that the KJV Bible is a very anti-semitic book! It exposes the many sins, failures and rebellions of the Jewish people against their Creator. The simple truth of the matter is that this campaign began some two thousand years ago with the Jews, and today, it continues with them as well; because they are the ones who own most of the large publishing houses which are found throughout the Jewish-controlled United States of America! They are the behind-the-scenes controllers whose forefathers murdered Jesus Christ, and who today continue to conspire against the printed Word of God as well!

To conclude this series, the Lord inspired me to create the following fictitious scenario. If nothing else has struck home with you in this series, perhaps the following might shock you into understanding the seriousness of this matter, and how dangerous it is to tamper with the Word of God. We open to the account of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch found in the eight chapter of the Book of Acts:

"And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority undér Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerúsalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. Then saith Philip unto him, it is not meet that thou shouldest have such difficulty in understanding the word of the Lord. Behold, name me a fair price, and I will accompany thee to Ethiopia, that I may resolve this matter for thee. And the eunuch named him a fair price, and Philip accompanied him into his own land, that he might commence the work which had been placed upon him. And it came to pass at the end of a short season, that Philip presented the finished work unto the eunuch: And upon reading the work which had been made ready by Philip, the

eunuch exclaimed, Thou hast indeed done a mighty work! Surely the prophet Esaias would be pleased with the many improvements thou hast made to his noble endeavors. Behold, I will pay unto thee double because of the excellency of thy work! Then Philip, after receiving the bag of gold, taketh him aside and saith unto him, Behold, there is yet but one matter to attend to. Drawing near to the eunuch so that he might speak to him privately, Philip saith unto him, It is not meet that there should be two copies of the writings of the prophet Esaias in the land. Let us beseech the queen, that she will declare an edict, so that this old version of the writings of the prophet Esaias may be thoroughly removed out of the land of Ethiopia. But surely she will not agree to such a thing, for she is a woman of great virtue, answereth the eunuch. With a slight gleam in his eye, Philip saith unto him, Yea, my friend, but there is a profit to be made in this my version, and not in the other. And with that, the eunuch nodded in agreement as they approached the court of the queen." Acts 8:26-40, WW's NCRAP Version

Now isn't that rather shocking? Imagine if such an event had actually occurred almost two thousand years ago. The Ethiopians might still be reading a counterfeit version of the Book of Isaiah, at the expense of a very rich queen and the cohorts in the money-making scheme. Of course, we know that this isn't what really happened. Let us now resume the story after Philip got up into the eunuch's chariot:

"The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea. Acts 8:32-40, KJV

As we can see, when the eunuch expressed difficulty at understanding the words of the Prophet Isaiah, Philip didn't say, "You know, you are right; Isaiah didn't do a very good job of explaining the sufferings of Christ, did he? Some of those words he used are a little outdated, and some people just might not fully understand God's Plan of Salvation. I'll tell you what; pay me a good price, and I will simply write you an easier version to read. Not only that, but since I am going to write this for you, and not the original Prophet, I will own the copyright to it; and thus, we will be able to sell it and make some money from it at the same time. Of course, we will have to somehow get rid of that original version, so that we don't have any competition, or raise any suspicions".

My friends, Philip had utmost respect for the Word of the Lord. Like Peter and Paul who wrote the following verses, he believed absolutely in the Divine Inspiration of the Prophet Isaiah's words. He knew that they were God-breathed; that is, God-inspired:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" 2 Timothy 3:16, KJV

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21, KJV

Can any of you reading this, who criticize the Authorized King James Version of the Bible, honestly tell me that you feel the same way regarding those who take upon themselves today, the liberty to tamper with God's Word, by omitting entire verses, or by taking out key words and phrases, or by replacing certain important words with words which convey a lesser meaning, and thus reduce Christ and His message to a lesser status? Can you honestly tell me that you believe that this butchering of God's Holy Word really has no effect on the spiritual impact of the written text, or in what is transmitted to the modern reader? Can you honestly tell me that you believe in your heart, that God-fearing men would do this to His Holy Word? If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, then I fear that you are just as guilty as they are. You must likewise not have a very reverential fear of the Lord. In the Old Testament, just touching the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the Holy Writs, was punishable by death, as we see in this story:

"Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God." 2 Samuel 6:1-7, KJV

Most Christians are also aware of the somber warning which the Lord attached to the Book of Revelation. Its contents is so sacred, its inspiration so holy, and its message so important to the Lord, that He wanted to make sure that it was left intact, and preserved without corruption, for we, its readers of the Endtime. Thus we read:

"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: 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." Revelation 22:18-19, KJV

When the eunuch requested Philip's assistance, Philip immediately did as he requested, mounted his chariot, and then began to patiently explain to him what the Prophet Isaiah was writing about, until the eunuch reached a point where he was ready to accept the Gift of Salvation. This is the proper way to teach someone the Bible. It requires a lot of love, patience, energy, time and self-sacrifice. Notice that we are told that Philip had to actually run in order to catch up with the chariot. The Lord said "Go!", and Philip ran! How many of us are so willing, and so obedient to the Lord's Call? How many of us have so much love in our hearts for the lost, and are so eager to do the Master's Will, that we are willing to drop whatever we are doing, in order to reach one of His dear sheep; even if it does inconvenience our own lives? Lord help us all! As the Apostle Peter wrote:

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" 1 Peter 3:15, KJV

Only God knows how many golden witnessing opportunities we have let slip by due to our own selfishness, or because we are worried about what someone might think of us for being so bold as to witness to them, or to offer them one of our tracts. As we read in the Old Testament:

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalms 126:6, KJV

One thing we have certainly seen, is that the proper way to instruct a person in God's Word, is not by rewriting it in a more modern language; thereby possibly corrupting it, and causing it to lose some of its spiritual impact. As I have pointed out earlier, the further we move away from the First Century, the more opportunity there is for corruption in the Word of the Lord. What I find interesting, is that this is also a scientific principle. The further one moves away from a particular event, the more distorted, and weakened, the effects become, until the effect finally dissipates; just as when one casts a stone into a mud puddle. Eventually, the small ripples subside and disappear.

In a spiritual sense, if we compare the spirit of the world, and particularly what was happening in European Christianity almost four hundred years ago, with the spirit of the world today, and what is happening in modern America, personally, I would much rather trust in the sound judgment, and in the Divine Inspiration of those learned men under King James, than in any American Biblical translator today. How about you? This is not to say that I believe that the King James Bible is a perfect work; for indeed, it was translated by fallible men who were not only not perfect, but who were in fact under certain political and religious influences at the time of the translation. However, I still believe that the KJV is the most inspired English translation of the Bible available to modern man; and I believe that it contains and preserves the full essence of what God wanted for us to know and to understand. If we were all to believe and live by it precepts, surely it would make a positive difference.

With these thoughts, I am going to bring another series to a close. I truly hope that it has been a blessing in your life; that it will cause you to seriously consider which version of the Bible you use in your daily studies, and that perhaps it will even motivate you to further look into this matter, if you are not yet convinced of my conclusions.

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