



# Truth to Wonder

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## Truth – the target of spiritual attacks

There's a classic British film from the 1960's starring a young Michael Caine. It's entitled, *Zulu*. It tells the true story of an against the odds stand made by a tiny British force against a large Zulu warrior army at the small African dwelling known at the time as Rourke's Drift, back in the 19th century.

The Zulu army in question, had been on a rampage against British forces who were seeking to colonise the area, and had known numerous victories by employing surprise attacks and guerrilla warfare. The technological superiority that the British forces enjoyed (guns against spears for example) had been brilliantly nullified by the ingenuity of the Zulu military leaders in these previous battles.

So this tiny British contingent, received news that this sizeable, triumphant and fearsome Zulu army were heading their way. Troops were few, resources limited; many of the bodies the British could call upon to defend their vulnerable position were either wounded, sick or being incarcerated for insubordination. In all reality it was a pitiable looking defence. Yet, under the leadership of the captain and his supporting officers, the British force set about making their position of a small farm complex, as strong as possible with various defensive structures designed to slow down the enemy and shield their own troops.



A crucial piece of information about the Zulu forces had been given to the British officers by a local scout. He told them of how the Zulu commanders would move their troops in a shape that resembled a bull's head. The bulk of the forces would be sent to attack the enemy head on, with the commanders knowing that many of their troops would die in this massive frontal assault against superior firepower. However, this was merely a distraction, for either side of this large frontal assault, two flanking forces

would sweep in from the sides much like the horns of a bull. These flanking manoeuvres would collapse inwards upon the enemy defences who would not notice these two new groups of enemy troops, for they would be engaged in trying to repel the massive frontal assault that would already be well under way. So, the defending army would soon find itself completely surrounded as thus succumb quickly and violently to the ferocity of the Zulu assault.

Armed with this vital information, the British officers ensured that all available troops would be stationed equally around the defensive positions, even though it would appear at the early stages of the battle that all available defensive forces would be necessary to withstand a frontal assault.

When the battle ensued, the Zulu's employed their previously triumphant tactic as described above; yet the British, knowing what these tactics were and when the various stages of attack would unfurl, were able to withstand the brutal assault even with minimal forces filled with less than crack troops! Indeed, such was the bravery and resilience of these few British troops, that the Zulu commanders, when seeing their attack was proving fruitless, withdrew their troops and gave a tribal salute in recognition of the bravery the British had shown against them.

This momentous battle became world famous, and to this day is still the battle that received the most amount of Victoria Crosses (the highest military honour for bravery and service to the country) in one army group because of the extraordinary resolve shown by those few men. One who received this great honour, was one of those who had been put under arrest by the army for insubordination as noted earlier!

So why have I given this lengthy introduction to something that appears to have no link whatsoever to the topic of *what does spiritual warfare look like?* Well, because the events we have looked at are actually a good picture of what takes place when a believer in Christ is put through spiritual warfare against powers and principalities of the air.

As the apologist Frank Turek noted recently, the great battle we face is over truth, not ‘power encounters’. Bearing this in mind, the sheer amount of material on YouTube alone over Christian encounters with demonic entities is in itself troubling. Often times these videos have disturbed images as the thumbnail to act as some sort of uncomfortable ‘click-bait’ designed to grab your curiosity and make you watch the video. There seems to be an ever-growing fascination with investigation into the spirit world by Christians, who are seeking (with good intentions I imagine) to make other Christians aware of the evil forces that seek to destroy the children of God. Yet they are not doing so by Scriptural methods, for our Lord Himself gave us the simple template as to how we are to defend ourselves against spiritual attacks, that is by the truth of the Word of God. If we turn to Matthew 4:1-11, we read of how our Lord Jesus overcame Satan three times through the sheer power, truth and authority of the Holy Scriptures. The testimony of this triumph by our Lord over Satan speaks loudly and instructively to all Christians on how we too can overcome Satan, by standing firmly upon the truth of the Word of God.

Our Lord returned to the truth of His Word as a means of standing against the assault of the Devil, whose aim has been since Eden the same, to accuse the truth of God’s Word to be a lie. Eve received the first blow in the world of spiritual warfare, and the opening artillery shelling was a direct assault on truth of what God had instructed her and Adam to do in Eden, namely, to obey the decree of God concerning the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Yet instead of simply standing against this attack by leaning



upon the **actual** words of God. Remember in Genesis 3, that God instructed Adam and Eve to not **eat** of the fruit, Eve responded to the Serpent that they were not even to touch it - God never said that, and Satan capitalised on this seemingly minor alteration to attack the truthfulness and therefore holiness of God’s Word.

Therefore, the nature of demonic warfare against God and all those who believe in His Son Jesus Christ, has been exactly the same from Eden, through to the earthly ministry of Christ and to this day, and that is to make us doubt or question the truthfulness of God’s Word. Yet how many YouTube videos do you see on spiritual warfare make this simple but crucial point? Very few indeed. They appear to be fixated on the appearance of the attack rather than objective of the attack.

It is much like the ploy utilised by the Zulus with their ‘bull’s horns’ pincer assaults. The large frontal assault was never the means by which victory was to be accomplished, it merely posed as a distraction from the real objective, to overwhelm the weaker sides of the opposing force and then encircle them. Yet many Christians sadly put all of their strength into defending the obvious frontal assault (usually something that affects the self, ie loss of health, loss of job, loss of loved one, etc) and so seek to defend themselves using their own wits, insight or understanding. This is what Satan did in Eden; he approached Eve and made her doubt God’s word by twisting the command to seem as though it was detrimental to Adam and herself, as opposed to the truth of the matter, that the command to not eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil was good and protective. Eve fell into the trap and used her interpretation of the word of God to act as a defence against the attack, but this proved no defence at all, as she was out flanked by the deviousness of Satan whose true objective was not just to deceive Eve, but something far greater, the usurping of the throne of God.

So, history has been repeated by every generation since. Mankind has fallen each time for the distraction attack of Satan when he makes us question God’s love towards us (which God’s Word declares to be an everlasting truth - Jeremiah 31:3) by attacking our sense of security in the self. He appeals to our pride by



doing so. Yet, again, we are insignificant to Satan, His true target is the throne of God (Isaiah 14:12), and so he seeks to shatter the love between God and His Creation. If this everlasting truth can be smashed, then the perfection of God is destroyed, and his objective of dethroning God would be complete.

Thus truth, is the first casualty of war, as the saying goes. Yet in the temptation in the wilderness, Christ displayed to all Creation, that His Word, is eternal truth and so cannot ever die no matter the ferocity of war encountered. Each response He gave to Satan was to return to Holy Scripture; to look beyond His immediate condition of the flesh and call upon the purity and truth of God's Word. Christ understands the target of Satan's attacks, the truth and purity of God's Word. Satan goes after this target with unbending intensity for Christ Jesus is His Word, and so if the truthfulness of His Word can be broken, Christ Himself can be broken.



I have often wondered why Satan would allow Jesus to be crucified if he knew that this would be the pathway by which salvation would be offered to all mankind? Satan knows the Scriptures inside and out, and it is often said that he is the most religious being in Creation (he has come up with all counterfeit religions after all). So why would he seemingly open this road up for the redemption of man by standing by and letting Jesus give His life in the place of ours? Well, he didn't. Look at Matthew 16:23. Peter attempts to stop Jesus from going to Jerusalem in fear of what Jesus had just told him was the purpose of His travelling to Jerusalem, to be offered up as a sacrifice for the sins of man and then to rise again in triumph three days later. Such is our Lord's shrewdness in seeing the deviousness of Satan's attack by using Peter to attempt to halt the coming of the way of salvation being opened up for mankind, Jesus responds with swiftness and power, 'Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the

things that be of God, but those that be of men.' Christ highlights for one and all the reason why Satan has no care for truth, for he savours not the things of God, namely truth.

If a believer stands for truth, they will be attacked with intensity and frequency. Look at the embattled lives of the saints of the past. What manner of horrors they endured for Christ's name's sake. Why? Because they lived to defend the truth of the Word of God. I often wonder how so many Christians today are so comfortable in their daily lives and live in such ease and carefree manner. How can this be? How can so many Christians today live such easy, comfortable lives in the world when they have always been the subject of such ferocious assaults by Satan since when man first walked with God back in the early chapters of Genesis. Could it be that it's because the truth of God's Word is no longer important to them, and that this crucial foundation stone has been replaced by the ease of God's Word? In speaking to a brother in Christ at an event recently, he seemed curious by my determination on the nature of guarding the purity and truth of God's Word. After he initially scoffed at my adherence to the AV/KJV Bible, once I had answered all his queries and remained undeterred but calm on my standpoint, he quickly announced, 'I do have a KJV Bible. I just use others for ease'. This was the same brother in Christ who minutes before was lamenting on the state of modern preaching, the unbelief of many preachers, the ineffectiveness of many Gospel outreach programs, the decline of society at large etc, etc. He could not figure out at all what was staring him in the face. That the truth and purity of God's Word has been so expertly diluted and made doubtful by modern Bible versions, liberal theological courses, seeker sensitive preaching etc, that western Christianity is in a state of collapse.

Many churches today are acutely aware of the attack on the attendance of churches across the land. Satan is moving hard against the fellowship of believers in Christ. Yet the officers of the Church are seeking to defend against this obvious attack by launching programs that they think will appeal to the unsaved masses. So, anything that will repel the unbeliever from the church pews (strong Gospel preaching of the nature of sin, the need for repentance of sin, the submission before the full authority of the Lord Jesus alone for the obtaining of salvation, etc), so that 'as many as can be reached as possible' is achieved. However, they have been blind to

the pincer movement of Satan, who has diluted the message of Gospel so effectively by eliminating so much of its truth, that the well-intended message by relaid by churches is proving damp, weak willed and pointless.

As the tactics of Satan are so effective, they can afford to be so simple, for we as modern Christians are sadly so poorly educated and, in all truth, lazy in our desiring of learning of our Lord's Word. We have been so expertly duped by Satan to believe that the spiritual attacks we endure are purely about us and that we are alone in our suffering of them. No, they are not, and we are not alone in our enduring of them. Every earnest and faithful believer in Christ who seeks to defend the truth of His Word is undergoing consistent spiritual warfare. This was well known just a generation ago. Today sadly, I have Christians asking me if we must suffer to be saved? They ask me that if they do not suffer, does that mean that their salvation is not secure? My response to such questions is short. If you are the Lord's, you **know** you will suffer, and as a result such doubts of the assurance of salvation never even trouble the soul. If you stand to defend the truth of God's Word, you **know** that you will be a hated enemy of Satan and he will seek to destroy you. Yet when those inescapable attacks come, we do what we claim to do, stand upon the truth of God's Word, and remind ourselves that in this world we 'shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world' (John 16:33). By such means the Holy Spirit again bears witness to our hearts that truly, truly, 'the truth shall make you free' (John 8:32). Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

## The AV 1611 - An English Original

When one examines the AV Bible from a non-theological side, one finds that some knowledge of Old English literature and a knowledge of English History is important. Sadly, thousands of Pastors and believers who mock at the use of the AV today possess neither. Today, most who are aware of the controversy of where lies the Pure word of God will know that the enemies of the AV/KJV Bible are Legion. Through history the forces of the Roman Catholic Church alone have done everything within their power to silence the living testimony of this Book. However, even from the legions of Rome, we can read such statements as that issued by Alexander Geddes, a Roman Catholic Priest who spoke of the AV 1611 in his day, saying, 'The highest eulogiums have been made on the translation of James the First, both by our own writers and by foreigners. And, indeed, if accuracy, fidelity, and the strictest attention to the letter of the text, be supposed to constitute the qualities of an excellent version, this of all versions, must in general, be accounted the most excellent. Every sentence, every word, every syllable, every letter and point, seem to have been weighed with the nicest exactitude; and expressed, either in the text, or margin with the greatest precision.' That is quite a statement from the enemy isn't it! Do you know there are thousands of Evangelical Ministers in this land today who wouldn't agree with it. Makes you wonder doesn't it?

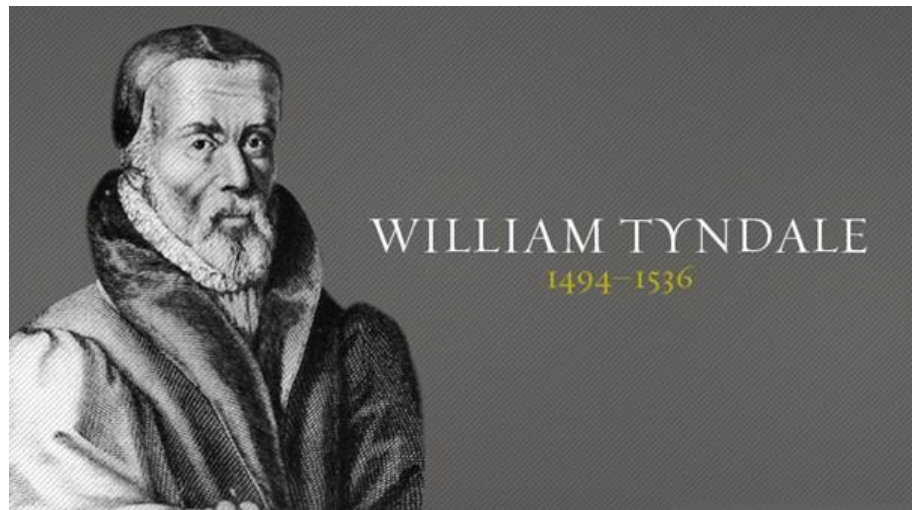
How then did the AV/KJV translators achieve what they did? Even this Roman Catholic priest admits they did a good job, makes you wonder what he would have thought of the NIV. While it is true that the translators of the AV would have said they valued the Bible only for it's truth; yet the more they believed in it's every word, the more powerfully, if unconsciously, must it's beauty have affected them.

The translators made the Bible real without making it trivial, thus the AV/KJV expresses the religious thoughts and emotions of Englishmen as well as of Jews and early Christians. Though it be true that men do not go to the stake for the cadences (the phrases in our AV Bible) yet the cadences, these phrases, have for hundreds of years wrought a powerful effect on their emotions. English literature will ever have been Protestant.

On Sunday, June 19th 1938, something happened in Central Hall, Westminster; namely a Day of Thanksgiving was to be observed in all churches. The commemoration? An open Bible, the greatest gift of all by the Reformation to the English-speaking people. This proposal followed the 1936 Commemoration of the martyrdom of William Tyndale in 1536. Tyndale was the greatest of all translators of the Bible into English. Why? Because apart from the Holy Spirit's power on his labours, he had a gift of style and an ear for rhythm. He was able to take God's word and render it into the simple, homely speech of the people, thus he laid a firm foundation.

Tyndale's literary power is lighter, swifter, more economical; he is unadorned, his rhythm is excellent, there is a lucidity and the power of driving the reader on. Tyndale is not stodgy and verbose, he has fire; often his sentences are half-way to poetry.

'Who taught the Eagles to spy out their prey? Even so the children of God spy out their Father.' His constancy of purpose in his God given task caused him to triumph not only over danger, exile, persecution and poverty, but self-glory. Every line he wrote was directly or indirectly devoted to the same purpose, to circulate the Gospel. Tyndale also learned that Greek and Hebrew both go better than Latin into an English version, even 'word for word'. He also tells us that he made no use of any English predecessor, he was making a fresh start. Our A.V/KJV Bible is Tyndale corrected and improved.



Let us examine the difference in power between, **"Turned to flight the enemies of the aliens"**, and 'Routed the military forces of the stranger.' Or **"In Him we live, and move and have our being"**, with 'He is the central source of our life, movement and existence.' There is a haunting rhythm and melody in the A.V/KJV. It is an **ALIVE** Book, and what is more, it can impart that **LIFE** when read with a seeking heart.

The A.V/KJV Bible has a unique significance in the field of English Letters. It has rhythm, turn of speech, familiar imagery; it's English has a pithiness and raciness, a terse sententiousness and an idiomatic touch. However, there is more, there is a nobility of diction. No translation since, even remotely approaches to its power of expression, let alone accuracy. When you throw yourself into it you can find yourself by those rivers in Babylon and Egypt, walking the hills and lands of Israel, out in the stillness of Arabia. In its imagery we can see what those writers saw, feel what they felt. Even more amazing is that it's stories often have the feel that they happened in England, why? Because the translators expressed their feelings in them as if there had been no other text to control them. Makes you wonder about the secret of Inspiration doesn't it?

To be continued....

By Dr David Badger - taken from *The A. V 1611, An English Original* - by Dr David Badger

## An All-Embracing Pope

"Tutti, tutti, tutti". These are the words that Pope Francis triumphantly announced to an enthralled crowd back in the latter end of 2023. His bold declaration was in regard to salvation through the Gospel, and how it is open to 'everyone, everyone, everyone' (meaning of 'tutti, tutti, tutti'). Now this is no alarming statement being made by Pope Francis, for of course the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is open to all. However, this was not the point that Pope Francis was making in this declaration. Instead, the Pope was asserting via the wider context of his speech, that the Gospel is so open that anyone can enjoy salvation even if an unrepentant and wicked lifestyle is being indulged. It was essentially a papal pass for all to engage in all manner of depraved antics and as long as they attend church like a good Catholic, ahem Christian (tongue firmly in cheek) and bouncily declare that they 'love Jesus' (bear in mind that Muslims highly regard Jesus as a prophet as do many Hindus and other New Age religions, so to say you love Jesus is quite acceptable outside of Christian circles - the issue comes when you say that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour and the only way to the Father, then you step into hot water with many!)

This all-encompassing declaration by Pope Francis was loudly cheered, especially by a group of transgender 'Christians' who had been invited to attend a special luncheon with the Pontiff himself. This unprecedented



event sparked massive uproar throughout the Catholic community, with some Bishops declaring that they could not accept Pope Francis' assertion on the matter of repentance over sin and his move to allow same-sex blessings to be conducted by Catholic Priests, so that homosexual unions can be accepted into the Catholic faith.

Pope Francis has made it abundantly clear that Biblical doctrine plays second fiddle to ecumenical unity, as he races to ensure that all lost 'brothers and sisters in Christ return home to Mother Rome'. If this means that Biblical teaching on the wickedness of homosexuality must be pushed aside so that greater numbers and their wallets can be added unto the Catholic church then so be it; this is a price he is happy to pay.



This drive to envelope all of society under the cocoon of Catholicism is not a new intuitive from Pope Francis. It has long been the assertion of Papal Rome, that it holds not only all spiritual authority over the world, as according to Catholic teaching, they are the successors to the Apostles and thus hold spiritual authority over Christendom; but that they hold all **political** authority as well. This has been evident throughout the pages of history, from Constantine to Charlemagne, and through the Medici, the Kings of Spain and

France in the Renaissance era, right to the concordat signed by the Pope with both Mussolini and Hitler that Catholicism would be the official state religion of Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany (just check any good, unbiased history book if you are doubtful of this point). Papal Rome has never had issue with embracing unrepentant sinners (has it ever struck you that many Mafia Dons are devoted Catholics for example) into its religious arms as long as those coming into the fold bow before the Pontiff. So, Pope Francis is just taking the next step in a rich history of evil embracing so as to further the reach of Mother Rome.

Yet, there are voices of opposition against this corruption of the Gospel, from within the Catholic church no less. Bishop Strickland of Texas, USA, spoke out against Pope Francis' dilution of the Gospel and his ecumenical goals but soon found himself stripped of office by the Pope himself for his dissent. An Italian Cardinal who declared that Pope Francis 'is the single biggest threat and persecutor of Christianity today', is so fearful of his life for having made such comments over Pope Francis' ecumenical agenda, that he has gone into hiding. Interestingly, not long after these comments against Pope Francis, along with calls for the Pope's resignation were made, the Cardinal in question had accusations of sexual assault lodged against him. Whether or not these allegations are true or not, or if it is a mere smear campaign is unclear, nevertheless the timing of the arrival of these allegations in relation to the Cardinals comments over Pope Francis is intriguing.

Whilst all Christendom is pouring over speculation as to the identity of the Anti-Christ might be, especially in light of world events, it seems many are missing what is staring them in the face. There are dozens of videos online of Christians hypothesising that people such as Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates etc could be the Anti-Christ because of these individuals massive financial/political influence; nobody stops to consider who it is all these men go to for blessing and approval from...the Pope. The Catholic Church is one of the richest institutions in the world and holds unrivalled political influence the world over to go with its astronomical financial clout. It is hardly surprising therefore that such businessmen would seek the advice of such a powerful institution, one that is ready to receive homage from both the spiritual world (all world religious leaders gather under the leadership of the Pope in prayer meetings), the political world (the long line of Prime Ministers, Presidents and Royalty who still bow to kiss the ring of the Pope) and indeed the financial world as mentioned earlier.



So, the stage is being set with ever greater speed and energy. Yet, as always it seems, many Christians are too busy bickering amongst themselves to see what is coming out of the seas, a Beast upon which a woman will ride; the whore of Mystery Babylon, Mother Rome.

By Jonathan Badger

## The Destruction of the Young Man of God

### 1 Kings Ch13

What a sad tragic story this is. What is even sadder is that it is still being repeated today in the ministry. This young man is the Lords servant, he is sent by God to speak a prophetic word which will be fulfilled in God's appointed time. You can read 2 Kings Ch22-23 for further information on this. However, let's take a look at this young Servant of the Lord, here we have a young prophet, deceived by another minister. That is a very sobering thought is it not? All over our land even now there are ministers (not a few), who peddle some of the most corrupt bible versions to their congregations. They claim them to be more accurate and reliable than that old ancient A.V. Bible. One has witnessed young faithful men being put down and 'corrected' by such on the well known 'names', their position and stand is not questioned. Some would spend time mocking your use of an A.V. Bible but would happily use the various versions a R.C priest might use. Do you think that would be a word from the Lord?

Look, the young man in the story had respect unto the older minister but it was the Word of God that needed respecting, not the word of an angel, not the word of a scholar, not the word of a big name in the pulpit or a 'reverent biblicist'. Do you really believe that countless of todays ministers have spiritual insight to lay aside 400 years of blessings that God has conferred on the A.V. Bible and on all those manuscripts that have followed a faithful text back to the believers in Antioch etc.? That a plethora of some of the most corrupt bible versions today in print can give a solid word?



Well, I am not going to hesitate to inform you that many of those whose guidance you are following are misleading you. I will go further, and say that some of the old 'prophets' have lied to you, at the very least because they were expected to take a position that was the acceptable one in the ministerial circle. Doesn't happen? Oh please. I have known of young men who started with a solid faith in the A.V. and had it taken away (even in bible collage), with the threat of non-graduation. What is the terror of this Bible to todays ministers? Most of them, 98%, wouldn't know enough about it

or the manuscripts to mount a credible academic attack on it, the idea that this is not the case is a smokescreen.

Look, there is a simple but powerful lesson in the Biblical story, can the man of God change the Word of God? I think not. The 'old prophet' as many today would claim, are orthodox conservative, 'contending for the faith'. However, his ministry is putting the young man who God has called, out of the ministry by causing him to disobey the Word of God. Is that you? This 'old prophet' supposedly has a superior revelation to that already given to the young man. That is what countless men are claiming today from their never-ending shelf full of versions, oh that God's people would wake up. Did you see what happened to the young man of God and how his ministry was affected?

Modern bible versions have weakened and caused countless believers to lose faith and foundation. There are 'names' today who once stood solid on an old bible and delivered safe and sound doctrine, wrote good solid literature and preached a faithful word who I don't even recognise today.

So, the modern ministers lay foundations of new bible collages, churches etc. but they have no solid ground. The modern bibles continue to roll off the press, endless novel doctrines flow forth from the likes of the Charismatic Movement because there is no ultimate granite rock foundation. You cannot correct false doctrine without a sure word, that is the last thing modern bibles give. You can pick versions for all kinds of positions.

Look, some may say well I guess he just got stuck with an old bible. Or they may say maybe he never read a modern one. They may say well perhaps he doesn't know of all the 'facts' against the A.V. I know those 'facts' better than you know your bed. Some may say well you are just a silly old fool with an A.V., oh do you think only old folk use the A.V.? You are not very well informed.

When I discovered the truth about the A.V. I was 32 years old (ancient); I had already done 3 years full-time theological education at a famous British Bible College and 10 years in the ministry (Evangelism, Pastor, Bible Teacher). I was challenged by two ministers who were staying as guests and whom previously I had never met who used the A.V. From that meeting and on top of all my other work I have invested 38 years of manuscript research surrounding the A.V. and all other modern versions. If you really trust these modern bibles then may God help you see the light, you are the one deceived.

I thank God for His servants that spoke to me, and put God's Word first, I never found them to be wrong. There isn't a single truth God has revealed that you can't find in an A.V Bible but you can find plenty missing in modern bibles. So, if Bible College or Ministers say to you get rid of the Book (A.V.), or get rid of your ministry, then go and ask God what He would like you to say.

God Bless

Dr Badger

## **The Easy Genius of the AV/KJV Bible**

It's amazing how often I come across brothers and sisters in Christ who awkwardly stutter, 'Oh I have a King James Bible, I just use other versions for ease'. I say they fumble these defensive words out after we've engaged in a brief discussion on which Bible I use within my ministry, which is of course the AV/KJV Bible, and they've got their initial mocking of my stance out of their system (it seems a consistent knee jerk reaction by modern Christians to belittle other believers who use the AV/KJV Bible, yet they never mock any other version...why is that?). Once their copy and paste objections to the AV/KJV Bible have been answered, they invariably come out with the words with which we opened the article.

When the discussions continue on the matter of Bible versions, an acceptance of the beauty and elegance of the AV/KJV often emerges without being pressured to by myself, from their own lips. On attending a good friend and brother in Christ's wedding not so long ago, I got to chatting with the minister who led much of the service rehearsal and turned out to be one of the Associate Pastors of the church in question. I was asked to read out a passage from the AV/KJV Bible by my good friend whose wedding it was, and after I had completed my rehearsal of the passage, the Associate Pastor came over to me and said, 'You must be an actor or something to do with the theatre as you spoke so powerfully and eloquently.' I stood in bemusement and simply replied, 'No, I'm not an actor. I'm a preacher'. An astonished look sprung across his face as he declared, 'Oh. Well you certainly did it perfectly, the timing was excellent. I do like the King James.' Smiling gently but quizzically back at him, I retorted, 'Why don't you use it then?' That was pretty much conversation over as he stuttered and fumbled over his words before he hurriedly moved the conversation to other areas. You see the church used the NIV, yet the minister who led the weekly services, by his own mouth and with no suggestion from myself, bore witness to the brilliance of the AV/KJV over other versions.

The next day, the wedding took place and I stood up and delivered my reading after a young lady read a poem as part of the wedding ceremony. What struck me was how after the young lady finished the poem, the assembled throng (well over a hundred people) all applauded heartily. Yet when I finished my reading from the AV/KJV Bible, it was near silence. A few stop/start attempts at applause tried to break out yet all I could see was a sea of stunned faces. Everyone was just frozen in their seats as though something monumental had just grabbed them and pinned them to their chairs. Out of the hundred plus people looking back at me that day, just two faces were smiling back at me when I finished the reading; wife and my daughter, that was it. What I saw that day was a potent witness to me that there is something uniquely powerful about the AV/KJV Bible.

So, with that experience in mind and the confession from the Associate Pastor as to his enjoyment of the eloquence of the AV/KJV Bible, I would like to take up the much-posed assertion that modern bibles are 'easier to read and remember' and see if this thought can be rebutted through the eloquence and power of the AV/KJV.

Turn to Isaiah 40:8. We read of the failing strength and beauty of flesh and that even the loveliest of creations all fade away. Yet in stark and wonderful contrast to this entropy of all created beauty, stands the word of God, which shall never lose its beauty and purity. I just want to highlight one single linguistic feature of this verse and use it to demonstrate something astonishing about the AV/KJV Bible. That one feature is the use of rhythm of language through the flow of syllables within the verse. In my poetry studies at school and university, we were often

reminded that syllables are often used by poets to emphasise a point. Words that use single syllables are desired to convey a certainty of message, a power of deliverance of imagery. Words which utilise more syllables are desired when seeking to convey loss, breaking down, weakness etc. Now, with this in mind, look at the structure of Isaiah 40:8 (AV/KJV Bible). The verse opens with, 'The grass withereth'. Here we have two words with one syllable, *the* and *grass*, with *grass* being used as a reference to flesh as seen in verse 6 of Isaiah 40; followed by a word that contains three syllables. The combined linguistic effect recognisable to any poet is that the initial image of something that is strong, assured, plentiful etc, as seen in the image of *grass*, is shown as inevitably breaking down or *withering* via the use of a word that contains three syllables (*withereth*). In other words, the language structure emphasises the point of the text, that that which was once strong will inevitably become weak and broken down.

This structural emphasis of the meaning of the text in question is again demonstrated in the following section of the verse, 'the flower fadeth'. So, here we have one syllable, followed by two words of two syllables each. In this application then the imagery conveyed in the language structure again emphasises the point of the text, that any great beauty a lovely flower possesses is negated by the inevitability of its breaking down and death. The poetry of the words is matched by the structure of the text thus underpinning the importance of the teaching conveyed.

After this melancholy and seemingly hopeless opening, comes the hope from the lips of God Himself. 'But the word of our God shall stand for ever.' Out of ten words, the first nine words have only one syllable each, with the last word *ever* having two syllables. Poetically, this creates a tone of utter certainty; a tone of unyielding power and unwavering consistency, before finishing with a two syllable word to carry the verse into a pacing that suggests the timelessness of eternity itself. It's breathtaking isn't it!

With that under consideration, think on how neurological studies have shown that words that contain single syllables activate more regions of the brain than words containing multiple syllables. This stimulation of the brain on a wider, healthier level is a powerful tool for rehabilitation of speech facilities lost through injury or





illness and is often utilised by medical practitioners after strokes etc. Furthermore, consider how a child is taught language, initially by words that contain single, easier to recall, syllables. Incredibly, neurological science shows that the AV/KJV Bible is actually **easier** to learn and recall than modern versions which often replace simpler words with longer and complex wording (I encourage you to research this for yourselves with Gail Riplinger's *Modern Bible Versions* an excellent starting point).

So, the fumbling Associate Pastor who admitted quietly that he admired the eloquence of the AV/KJV; the stunned silence of a packed church who were held captive by the power of the AV/KJV; and the syllabic rhythms of the AV/KJV over modern Bible versions that make it actually easier to read and recall (as attested to by neurological studies over linguistic structures effect on brain activity), we have built a three fold case for the ease, eloquence, beauty and power of the AV/KJV Bible. It is a fascinating subject and requires much diligent study (a word interestingly removed from many modern Bible versions, why?!). I again encourage all to investigate this field with urgency and diligence, for I am under the increasing belief, that the power of the Gospel and its ability to reach lost souls, is being seriously harmed by all those who seek to belittle and do away with this most kingly of Bibles. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

## The Perfect Timing of Christ's Incarnation

It is a common question, one I have posed myself in fact, as to why did Jesus Christ come in the flesh at that particular point in history, some two thousand years ago? This question is often multi-layered with a desire to have seen for ourselves the Son of God in the flesh of humanity, so as to have our eyes confirm what we believe in the heart.

Well, history is a wonderful and fascinating tool with which to see the movements of God and how He has indeed, made every thing beautiful in His time (Ecclesiastes 3:11), and is a potent reminder that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was not suddenly thrust upon the world by a panicked God in the light of the might of the Roman Empire. No, it was carefully planned by His everlasting hands, that at this particular point in history, the world was ripe to receive the full revelation of the Godhead in the flesh that is Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:9).

At the coming of Christ Jesus in His first advent, Israel was a deeply divided nation living under cruel oppression by a godless empire that was Pagan Rome. Yet even prior to this, Israel had known centuries of peril, oppression and persecution by a series of conquerors that had traumatised the Jewish nation since it's being carried away into captivity by the Babylonians (pictured right).



The Old Testament closes with the Jewish people back in their homeland after this 70-year Babylonian captivity. Jerusalem and the Temple had been rebuilt under Nehemiah, and the importance of the Law and the Scriptures had been reinstated as the foundation of the nation by Ezra. All these events are interlaced with numerous prophetic words of a coming Messiah, one who would deliver His people the Jews from warfare, cruelty and hardship, and will bring the goodness of God amongst His people. And then, silence. Four hundred years of heavenly silence follow as the world stumbles on from conflict to conflict, strife to strife, until Our Saviour Christ Jesus enters into the pages of history in the flesh of man.

In those intervening centuries of silence, Israel undergoes further upheaval and conflict, as Alexander the Great sweeps through the land, conquering all before him and bringing a deeply Hellenised (Greek) culture

with him into Judea and the indeed the world. The nobility of Judea are chiefly affected by this Hellenisation of the land and it's culture, as the youth of the upper classes are encouraged to attend gymnasiums (not what we think of when we hear that term), places of academic and physical learning, where the teachings of Greek philosophy are promoted intently to the younger generations. This Greek philosophy is deeply humanistic, it's desire to attain knowledge but to remove the existence of God from society, as it hopes to drive humanity on to a golden age of intellect, reason and achievement based solely on the merits and skills of mankind. The families of the religious leaders of Israel, those entrusted to teach the nation on the Word of God as reinstated by Ezra, are well placed in the upper echelons of society and thus first amongst those to receive this indoctrination of Greek culture.

This Hellenisation of the Jewish culture was having enormous impact on the religious teaching of the nation, which had already been subject to attack by the thought amongst many of the ancient Jewish intelligentsia that to guard against the nation slipping back into idolatry, a hard 'discipleship' of the Law was absolutely necessary. Under the tutelage, the Law had become a series of heavy, cold, lifeless demands that had been robbed of its purpose, to show the peril and sinful humanity before a thrice holy God and so our great need for a Saviour to fulfil the Law in all perfection, something none of us can ever come close to achieving. Thus, hope had been removed from the people, and in it's place a heavy self-righteousness had taken hold (just look at the actions and behaviours of the Pharisees when interacting with Jesus and the disciples).

This self-deterministic approach to faith had been further entrenched by the great impact of Greek culture brought into the world by the armies of Alexander the Great. So, the world had by this time had filled by nations who adored pagan humanism, and the people set aside by God to be the ones who would live as a beacon of the holiness of God, were now also intertwined with a world driven by the self, through the self-righteous teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. It seemed in many ways that the way for the light of God's True Word to be displayed for all the world to witness was being suffocated, oftentimes by those entrusted to protect it and spread it's unique message of eternal salvation through faith in the grace of God.

In this culture that had grown worldly, humanistic, proud and cold, especially to the lowly and poor of society (all sounds very familiar to us today, doesn't it!), was added the heavy reality of a world held under the iron grip of Daniel's fourth kingdom as prophesied in Daniel 2, Pagan Rome. The people of the ancient world were subjugated under an oppressive regime that crushed the ordinary people under an unbearable burden of heavy taxation and slavery. Daily life was dictated to the people by a system of elites living hundreds or thousands of miles away who lived in a world of luxury and pleasure, completely devoid of the harsh realities of the world in which they had ensnared the world. Again, all sounding very familiar to us today isn't it!



Yet into this world of oppression, hopelessness, empty ritualistic religion and humanistic celebration of the self, Our Lord and Saviour stepped into history to be the manifestation of the Godhead unto all Creation (Colossians 2:9). It was at this time when the military might of the world was at its most efficient to date, as seen in the Roman legions; and the heights of mankind's intellect had been climbed (or so it seems to the world at least) under the sophistry of the Greek philosophers; and the self-righteousness of leaders whose sole task was to teach all of the goodness and mercy of God, was so all encompassing that they would happily thank God in their prayers that they were not like the poor and destitute of the world (Luke 18:11). It was into this world that offered no way to true, meaningful hope that Christ Jesus came in the flesh of man to show that He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).

He came into a world riddled with division (the various religious leaders of Israel were interested in bickering amongst themselves over teaching the people on the love, grace and mercy of God – much like Christendom today!), yet a world that for the first time in history had a commonly used language through the conquests of the Greeks under Alexander the Great. This combined with a transportation infrastructure that again the world had never seen the like of through the engineering might of the Romans, brought about a world ripe to

receive and spread the message of the Gospel with a speed and efficiency that at no point up until then was imaginable.

Thus, the Gospel of Jesus Christ was gifted unto the world in an age perfect to receive it. An age that the world would treasure as the Classical Age, when centuries later, the good and the great of academia would strive to renew its artistry, language and architecture through the Renaissance. Such was the undeniable impact upon the history of the world was this Classical Age in which Our Lord stepped into the flesh of man, that the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ would carry through the centuries being treasured not just by the intelligentsia, but the common man most of all.

Our Lord's Incarnation was determined in the exquisite timing of God's will from before the stars first shone in the moonlit nights or the seas first lapped at the sands of the shores the world over. His arrival came when the world was ready to receive Him, not when they had reached heights of prowess, intellect or worthiness through their boastings or accomplishments. Far from it. He came when humanity was slipping away into pride, debauchery (just look at the lifestyles of many of the ancients!), self-righteousness and cruelty. He came to the world when it's need for a physician was at its most potent. So shall it be with His return. He will come as a thief in the night (2 Peter 3:10), whilst all the world is proud, cruel and filled with the need to satisfy the self, even if knowing destruction is imminent.

Be watchful, brother and sisters, for the hour is not far away. As the world was when He first came to give us the good news of salvation through His loving, nail pierced hands; so shall it be when He returns in all power and glory. The night is closing in, and whilst the shimmering stars of the witness of faithful servants are fading each year in number, the morning star that is Christ Jesus shall burst upon the heavens so that all Creation will acknowledge Him as Lord and God. Then in that blessed hour for the redeemed in Christ, that fearful hour for those in defiance of Him; whilst the unrepentant of heart shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, where torment shall never cease, there to receive us unto Himself so that we might be with Him in glory forevermore. Amen.

## Rough Truth

The Word of God is hard to find these days because there is 'a famine in the land'. Yes, there are endless bible versions but no faithful translation. Those 'wonderful' Christian educators have changed words, perverted them, removed them, replaced them and even downright lied about them. You say, that's a strong charge, yes, it is but after near forty years of study in the field it is totally justified. Modern bible versions are full of corruption, I wouldn't waste a single penny on one. There is a huge bible-perverting scheme at work in these last days and it is sweeping all before it. The plan? A united 'bible' that can accommodate any twist of doctrine.

While they mock and ridicule the Book you need, i.e. the A.V Bible, they give you versions that are full of drivel. You are being given a 'New Age Authorised Version', that will present every wind of doctrine. The ignorance in Bible Colleges and Institutions today is staggering, the lecturers know nothing, the students graduate with empty heads and often hearts and wouldn't recognise heresy or false interpretation if you put up headlights.

You can sit down believers in churches with twenty different bible versions in some weekly meetings and at the end they agree on nothing, why? No final authority. You are having God's Word taken from you. When it comes today to understanding what is going on in translating circles your pastors are often some of the most ignorant men in these matters.

Look, the information is out there, yes you will have to search it out but it's there in ever increasing abundance. Friend, bible perversion is big money business. The whole issue is about a war between Truth or Falsehood. The enemy doesn't want rough talk like this, it wants non-confrontational discussion, well been there done that a thousand times. What it doesn't want is questions it can't answer and there are hundreds of them.

Look, let me close with these few thoughts. When I was first confronted with this issue, I had done three years of full-time theological education and ten years of ministry. I wouldn't step back today one inch on all I have



learnt. Do I believe there is a Bible out there that is the Word of God? Yes, I do. The Early Church had it. Don't like what you have read? Then for your soul's welfare go and do some real research.

God Bless

Dr Badger

## A Local Leviathan

On December 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, a BBC news report detailed the discovery of a gigantic, fossilised sea monster known by palaeontologists as a Pliosaur. The discovery was made along the cliffs of Dorset's Jurassic Coast (not far from where this magazine is produced) by Phil Jacob's, a fossil enthusiast, who came across the fossil as he was enjoying a stroll along the beach of Kimmeridge Bay. As Mr Jacob's was walking along the empty beach, he noticed a small section of what he recognised to be fossilised bone protruding from the shingle. He soon realised that the fossil was far too big to deal with by himself, and so he contacted Steve Eches, a friend of his who helpfully happened to be a palaeontologist.



After careful excavation of the fossil, which was unearthed from rock of the Dorset Coast, was the largest and most intact fossil skull of a Pliosaur ever discovered. The skull measured 2m or 6ft 5in long and 'what makes it unique is it's complete...with every bone present', as Steve Eches informed the worldwide media.

The ginormous skull contains 130 teeth, each one long and razor sharp, perfect for

piercing through the flesh of even the mightiest of marine creatures with ease. The ferocity of these teeth is heightened all the more by the fact that upon investigation of the rear of each tooth, are ridge markings. Experiments conducted on the purpose of these fine ridges on the rear of each tooth indicate, that it would allow swift removal from any flesh unfortunate to have such teeth sunk into it, allowing the Pliosaur to make a quick secondary attack, much like a dagger is used in combat.

Combine these awesome teeth with the sheer immensity of this beast (measuring between 10-12m long!) and four massively powerful 'flipper-like limbs', the Pliosaur would have been the 'apex predator of the ocean' (quotes taken from BBC news report from December 10<sup>th</sup> 2023). Dr Andrew Rowe of Bristol University commented on the Pliosaur, "The animal would have been so massive that I think it would have been able to prey effectively on anything that was unfortunate enough to be in its space."

It is estimated that the bite force of the Pliosaur was approximately 33,000 newtons. To give that some context, a human's bite force is a meagre 700 newtons, whilst even a lion can only muster up 4,000 newtons of bite force. The Pliosaur therefore, could utilise getting close to ten times the biting force of a fully grown male lion! That is a mighty beast for sure and gives good reason to Dr Rowe labelling the Pliosaur as the 'underwater T-Rex'.

The remarkable completeness of this particular fossil found along the Dorset coastline reveals that the Pliosaur's snout was dotted with numerous small pits (see picture to the right). Marine biologists believe these pits may have been locations for small glands that would've enabled the Pliosaur to detect changes in water pressure made by prospective prey. Furthermore, on the head of the Pliosaur, as seen in the discovered fossil, is an intriguing hole. Some palaeontologists think this may have been the sight of a parietal, or third eye (lizards, frogs and some fish have these today). This parietal may have been a useful aid in detecting light changes, a beneficial tool indeed when trying to spot prey in the murky depths of the ocean.



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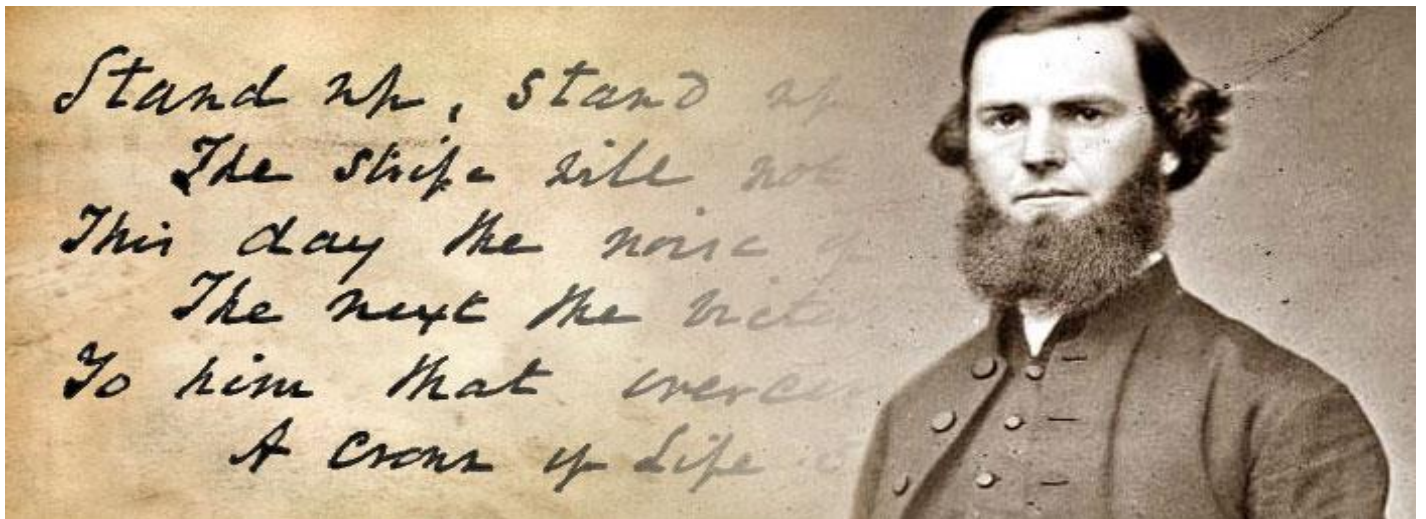
Now on researching this enormous beast, I came across numerous articles, images etc that had labelled the Pliosaur as a 'Leviathan'. This term refers to the creature detailed in the Book of Job, chapter 41, as God directs Job's attention to an enormous and terrifying sea beast that is the ruler of the seas. The description of this aquatic monster in Job 41 is spine shuddering for sure; but what is made plain to Job and to us today through the words of this text, is that as staggeringly awesome this creature is, God is far more powerful and awesome in the truest sense of the word. The fishermen and hunters of the ancient world knew not to be so foolish as to attempt to take on this terrifying creature, and yet this creature is nothing compared to the might of God; however, the pride of humanity makes us challenge God for control/explanations of life quite readily! How arrogant and conceited is the heart of every person (Jeremiah 17:9) indeed, but where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more (Romans 5:20-21) and so God gives us much needed perspective in life to show us how mighty and holy He is, and that the only way to be reconciled to Him is through saving faith in His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Whether this mighty beast that was the Pliosaur was the Leviathan of which Job, and the ancient world knew, maybe it was, maybe it wasn't (Leviathan breathed fire according to Job 41; maybe that third hole in the skull of a Pliosaur was for this purpose instead?). What is for certain though, is that massive sea beasts did indeed populate the ancient oceans, just as Scripture tells us; and that as mighty as these creatures are, they are nothing in the light, power and glory of Jesus Christ. Amen

By Jonathan Badger

## A History of *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

Many will be very familiar with the classic hymn, *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*, but not many will be familiar with how it came to be written. The stirring title was coined by a young American preacher called Dudley Tyng, (pictured below), who was a passionate preacher of the Gospel in Philadelphia, USA, during the mid 1800's.



Young Dudley had been a pastor at a Philadelphian church but had been forced out of office after he spoke against slavery in the United States. Undeterred from this setback, Dudley founded a new church and became a frequent speaker at revival meetings throughout Philadelphia, often drawing thousands to hear him preach the word of God. In March of 1858, after a rousing sermon given to some 5000 people, roughly 1000 people made a profession of faith, such was the power of the message given. At this meeting, it is believed that Dudley commented, "I would rather that this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty to you in delivering God's message."

A few days after delivering this sermon, Dudley left his house after concluding his studies for the day, to check on a mule in a nearby barn that was attached to a corn shelling machine. However, as he was tending to the donkey, his arm became trapped in the cogs of the machine and mauled his arm terribly. Tragically, he passed away a few days later from the injuries sustained.

Before he went home to glory, Dudley was asked if he had any words to give the revival ministers whom he had not long before worked alongside. His reply was, "Tell them, 'Let us all stand up for Jesus.'" Dr George Duffield, a friend and fellow preacher was so moved by these dying words, that he penned the hymn we sing today, *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*. The week following the passing of his friend Dudley, George read the lyrics what would later become the much-loved hymn out as a tribute to his brother in Christ so as to conclude that week's service.

Dr Duffield's Sunday school superintendent printed copies of the poem which soon found their way into a Baptist newspaper and spread further afield from there. Years later, the founder of the Boston Academy of Music, George Webb, penned the melody which is most commonly sung with Dr Duffield's lyrics to form the hymn still cherished to this day.

So when you sing that rousing hymn in future days, remember it was the cry not of a man in heights of worldly triumph and power; instead it was stirred up by the spirit of a redeemed soul which knew that even though death was approaching, the triumph was assured. What was that triumph you say? The victory by Jesus Christ over death itself, in which young Dudley, rested his life upon so faithfully.

By Jonathan Badger

## Rescuer or Deliverer?

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father – Galatians 1:4 KJV



How does your Bible render the Lord Jesus Christ? As a rescuer or a deliverer? What's the difference you might ask? Well, on the surface via a cursory reading it may appear a trivial matter; however, it is actually a very important matter that can hold great implications for an individual's strength of faith.

In reading the book, *Heaven Is A Far Better Place*, by Eryl Davies, I came across an interesting point made by Mr Davies. He rightly noted that everyone is in great danger, the danger of being condemned to eternal hellfire for the sins committing by them against a thrice holy God. He again rightly noted that far from leaving us in our perilous predicament, God gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as a propitiation for our sins so that we might be snatched away from the fires of hell, and instead be lifted up to glory everlasting in heaven with Him. All this was sound Gospel truth. However, in the midst of this Gospel message, was a diluting of the power of Christ Jesus in the usage of a poorly constructed modern bible. You see in Bible version that Mr Davies used to reference Galatians 1:4, to aid his point of Christ's work in saving us from our sins, he built his assertion upon the word *rescue* and not *deliver* (as you find in the A.V/KJV Bible).

Now, *rescue* and *deliver* cannot be used interchangeably without regard to its impact on a message. For instance, I might *deliver* a birthday card to a friend or neighbour, but I wouldn't substitute *deliver* for *rescue* as that would significantly alter the actuality of what happened when I gave the card. One implies a purposeful but calm supplying of a card, the other implies I had to intervene in a situation gone awry, possibly putting

myself in a precarious situation, to ensure the card got to its intended recipient. Well in that case, you might say, isn't *rescue* a better translation to reflect how Christ Jesus had to intervene for us, putting himself in peril for our welfare?

Well, no, to be frank. You see, to our fleshly, worldly eyes it could be seen that Jesus put Himself at risk to save us from our sins. He certainly

endured a torture and death that the human mind struggles to comprehend, yet at no point was the outcome ever in jeopardy. To illustrate my point, consider how a mountain rescue team going after a trapped mountain climber, put themselves at great risk of injury or even death, to help the stricken climber. In other words, there is always the very real possibility that the *rescue* attempt could fail. At no point, was the victory of Christ Jesus over death ever in question, hence why Jesus rebuked Peter so sternly for attempting to dissuade Him from going to Jerusalem to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Our Lord in that moment knew that it was actually Satan, not Peter, who was seeking to stop Jesus from sacrificing His life because Satan knew the immensity of Jesus' power and that He would assuredly achieve victory. Jesus may have been in peril to our eyes, but through the eyes of God however, He was always in perfect command of the situation. The choice of the word *rescue* then reflects a man's view of what Christ did for us at Calvary, the word *deliver* reflects God's truth of what Christ did for us at Calvary.

The word *deliver* reflects the truth of what happened at Calvary as revealed by lips of God because it captures far better the nature and wonder of Christ in a pivotal moment of history. To *deliver* means to release from, to free, or to transfer from one to another (hence when we deliver a card, we are transferring it from our possession to another's). This is what Christ did for us when gave Himself for us, through His sacrifice he **freed** us from the chains and heavy burden of sin, and in so doing we were transferred from being enslaved unto our old master the devil, unto the loving embrace of our new master, the Lord Jesus Himself. *Deliver* captures perfectly the eternal planning, the unwavering intent and exact enacting of God's plan of redemption as achieved through Jesus Christ at the Cross. In this one word we bear witness to the power and truth of God's declaration that He has loved us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3).

I was challenged by one brother in Christ as to what impact do I see in Christendom over the 'apparent' damage inflicted by usage of modern Bible versions (as you can tell he was initially mocking of the AV/KJV Bible). I replied with the observation that how many weak-willed Christians do you sadly see today? Far too many. There are numerous cases splashed all over YouTube etc, of Christians who have become disillusioned



with the God of the Bible because the God they had encountered through modern versions and modern preaching, is weak and seems to be locked in a constant struggle to repress evil in the universe. In short, the God that modern bibles depict, is not the same God that I read of in the AV/KJV Bible. I responded to the challenge that my God is strong, mighty, triumphant, thrice holy and far above even the arch angels in awesomeness and glory. This knowledge of Him gives me confidence and conviction that when the hard and dark days of life come, and they will come without doubt, my God is above all the horror, terror and sadness and **will** lead me home to peace and glory no matter what the enemy may do or say.

To conclude, there is a lengthy DVD box set entitled, *Behold Your God*. It is a massive production with enormous study guide and additional accompanying book that seeks to explain who God is to a Christendom seemingly unfamiliar with the God they serve. Save yourself the time and money that this production would have you splurge and instead buy a KJV Bible. You will learn of **who** your God truly is (just as good old Zacchaeus sought to do) far quicker, deeper and more beautifully than what any theologian can offer you. How so? Because it is the direct Word of God given to you, so that you might see the Son of God, Jesus Christ for who He truly is, the King of kings, the Alpha and Omega, and the Lord of Hosts, the Lamb of God, the friend of sinners. Amen

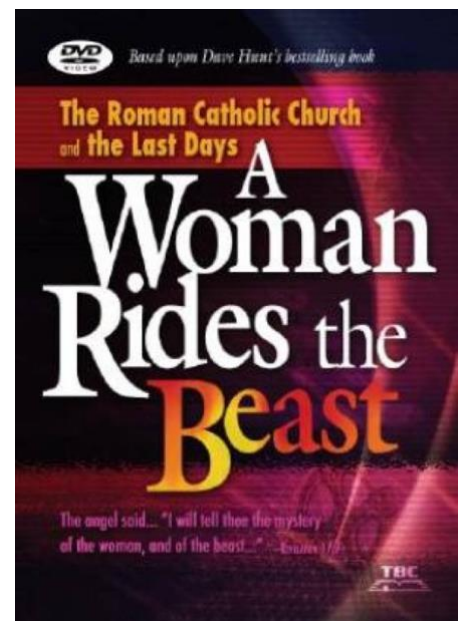
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## Resource Corner

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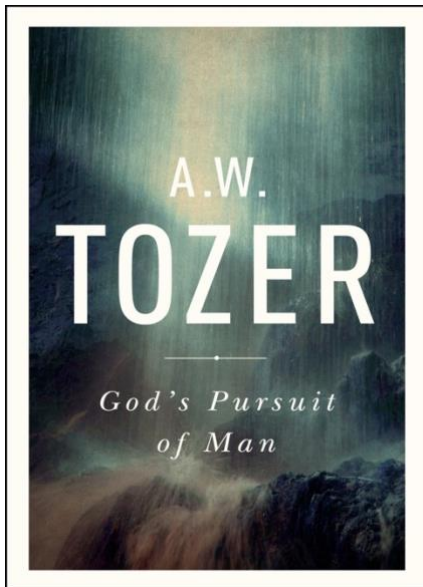
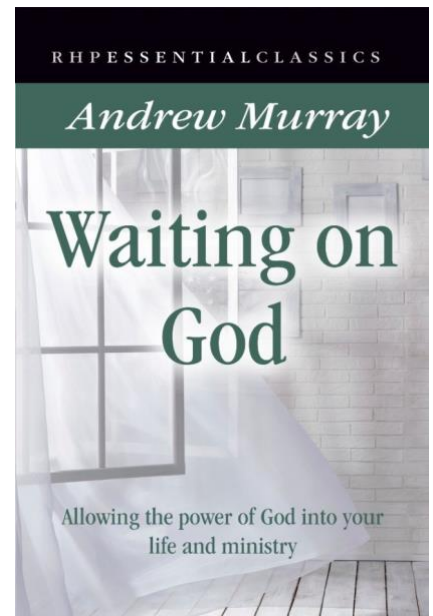
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## A Final Thought

**Hebrews 3:1** Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus

How often do we, as individual believers, “consider” the Lord Jesus Christ? As we go about the hustle and bustle of daily life, do we take time to “consider” our Lord and Saviour and His great work as our Apostle and High Priest, as the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews urges us to do? The Lord Jesus Christ saved us through His shed blood on the cross at Calvary, ensuring that through faith in Him we are saved from our sins and secure of everlasting life. But He does even more for us than that; do we take time to really “consider” Him in all that He is? The Lord Jesus is the chief Apostle; Apostle, in simple terms, means “person sent”. As the author of the Epistle declares at the beginning, in these last days, after a succession of prophets, God sent His Son. The Lord Jesus Christ, with the Father before the world began, through whom everything was made, was the one sent to be the propitiatory sacrifice for sin. He had a job to do, and He performed it exactly, offering Himself as a perfect substitute in our place on the cross. The next time you have an important job to do, take inspiration from how the Lord Jesus so efficiently carried out the work He was sent to do. He is also a High Priest, sat at God’s right hand, interceding for us, and providing us access to the Father in prayer. That is where He is right now; how much do we “consider” this? When you next pray, take a moment to consider that you have a great High Priest ready to listen and bring your petitions to your heavenly Father. There are tremendous truths about the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the scriptures, and taking the time to meditate upon them is of real benefit to us. No matter how busy things get or how much we have on our daily “to do” lists, let’s make sure we take time to reflect and “consider” the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus, and thank Him humbly for all the amazing things He has done and continues to do for us.

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