

Modern Bible Versions

I. Does it matter which version we use?

Note: **Pow verses are highlighted**

A. Does Peter's remembrance have anything to do with having an accurate version? (2Pe 1:12-2:3)

1. **2Pe 1:12-15** - Three times Peter states that "remembrance" is his goal towards the saints.
 - a. Not negligent (*careless*), and as long as I am alive (*arouse the mind*) I will put you in remembrance
 - b. Endeavor (*make speed or haste*) that after my decease you will remember
2. **2Pe 1:16-18** - Peter used reliable information when he made known what they needed to remember
 - a. Not cunningly devised (invented) fables. Peter's eyewitness > mythology (i.e., Mark 9:2-8)
 - b. Charge some that they teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables (1Ti 1:3-4)
3. **2Pe 1:19-21** - A more sure (firm, steadfast) word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed
 - a. Prophecy – discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God
 - b. More sure word is *a light that shineth in a dark place*, until the day dawn, and the day star arise
 - c. No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (one's own loosing), not by the will of man.
 - d. How did it come? "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the H.G.
4. **2Pe 2:1-3** - False teachers (OT false prophets = NT false teachers) infiltrate among you
 - a. They slip in damnable heresies denying the Lord that bought them (2Co 6:20, 7:23).
 - b. Destruction surrounds them & those who follow them; reproach upon heretics because of their teachings
 - c. Heresies change doctrine of the Bible, which in turn affects what God's people believe about:
 - 1) The identity, nature, & work of Jesus Christ, and the purpose of His gospel
 - 2) The nature of the kingdom of God and salvation
 - 3) The identity, purpose, & work of the church; and identity & tactics of Satan

B. If you were a New Ager, how would you go about fooling people to think Jesus and Satan were equal?

1. Confuse Satan and Jesus as often as possible; alter that which make Satan look bad & God look all-powerful
2. Dilute:

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. John 14:28	my Father	the Father	the Father	the Father	the Father
b. Act 3:26	Son Jesus	servant	servant	servant	servant
c. Phm 1:25	our Lord Jesus	the Lord Jesus	the Lord Jesus	our Lord Jesus	the Lord Jesus
d. Eph 3:14	of Jesus	missing	missing	missing	missing
3. Switch:

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Mark 13:34	the Son	a man	a man	a man	a man
b. Luke 4:8	get behind	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Luke 11:2-4	in heaven &	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. Is 14:12	Lucifer	morning star	day star	morning star	day star
4. The Bible says that the devil is the god of this world (2Co 4:4; Eph 2:2).
 - a. Jesus said He saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven (Luke 10:18)
 - b. New Agers profess that god is not in heaven but in you.
 - c. Praying to yourself (Kenneth Copeland), demanding answer to prayer is the occult method of prayer
5. New age leaders write *Lucifer is an angel of God's love, the angel of man's inner evolution; prepares man in all ways for experiencing Christhood. Christ is the same force as Lucifer.* [Spangler - New Age Journal]
 - a. John 8:44 - Satan is also a father. Which father do people pray to who recite Luke 11:2-4?
 - b. Rev 2:28, 22:16 - Jesus is the Morning Star. Who fell, the Morning Star or Satan?
 - c. 2Pe 1:19 - Jesus is the Day Star. Who fell, the Day Star of Satan? [consistent with classical mythology]
 - d. Jehovah's Witnesses: Jesus is the archangel Michael. Mormons: Jesus is Lucifer's brother
 - e. Edgar Cayce (occult channeling): Jesus is the reincarnation of Adam. Jesus isn't God's son but one of many incarnations. "Avatar." Define Christ as the *fully realized humanity which is available to all men.*
 - f. Mohammed – "Far be it from Him that he should have a son."

II. Ignorance is one of Satan's chief tools (Eph 6:12)

A. Consequences of ignorance

1. Act 3:14-17 – The Jews through ignorance denied the Holy One and killed the Prince of life
2. Act 17:23, 27-30 – The Gentiles worshipped ignorantly; a feelings based following
3. Rom 10:23 – The Jews being ignorant had not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God
4. Eph 4:17 – The Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having their understanding darkened
5. 2Pe 3:5 – Scoffers said, "Where is the promise of his coming," willingly are ignorant

B. What does God say about our ignorance? Brethren, I would not have you ignorant of:

1. Rom 11:25 – the mystery of partial blindness happened to Israel
2. 1Co 10:1 – the lessons to be learned from the experiences of the Israelites
3. 1Co 12:1 – spiritual gifts
4. 2Co 1:8-11 – God answering the Corinthians’ prayers in delivering Paul
5. 1Th 4:13 – the resurrection
6. 2Co 2:11 – Satan’s devices
7. 2Pe 3:8 – the meaning of time in the affairs of God

C. Ignorance directs people’s attention away from heaven, resisting Satan, & truth

1. Heaven:	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Luke 12:31	k. of God	his kingdom	his kingdom	his kingship	his kingdom
b. Mat 6:13	for thine is ...	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Rev 6:14	heaven	sky	sky	sky	sky
2. Satan:	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 17:21	this kind	missing	missing	[this kind]	missing
b. 1Co 7:5	fasting	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Act 8:9	bewitched	amazed	amazed	held spellbound	amazed
d. Rev 2:13	Satan’s seat	Satan’s throne	Satan’s throne	Satan’s throne	Satan’s throne
3. Truth:	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. 2Co 6:7	word of truth	truthful speech	truthful speech	message of truth	truthful speech
b. John 14:14	ask	ask me	ask me	ask me	ask

D. Keep us ignorant of salvation, judgment, conversion from sin, and our communion with God:

1. Salvation:	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 18:11	save the lost	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Matt 19:17	call me good	ask about good	ask about good	ask about good	ask about good
c. Matt 20:16	few chosen	missing	missing	missing	missing
2. Judgment:	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 23:14	great damnation	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Mark 6:11	judgment day	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Mark 9:44, 46	worm/fire	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. Rev 12:12	the inhabitants	missing	missing	missing	missing
3. Conversion:	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 9:13	to repent	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Matt 16:3	ye hypocrites	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Mark 7:16	let him hear	missing	missing	heed	missing
d. Mark 10:21	take up cross	missing	missing	missing	missing
4. Communion:	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 17:21	fast	missing	missing	[fasting]	missing
b. Matt 20:7	receive right	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Mark 11:26	forgive	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. Mark 13:33	pray	missing	missing	missing	missing

III. What devices does Satan employ when it comes to scripture?

- A. Garden tactics
 - 1. Gen 3:1 – Question a person’s understanding of God’s meaning and intent: “Hath God said...?”
 - 2. Gen 3:4 – Lie: “Ye shall not surely die.”
 - 3. Gen 3:5 – Malign God: “God doth know”...but you don’t; i.e., He’s keeping something from you.
 - 4. Gen 3:5 – Insert a murderous promise: “ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”
- B. Satan’s desire is to: bring you into bondage, exalt himself over you, devour/take you, smite your face
 - 1. Mark 4:15 – “Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word.”
 - 2. 2Co 11:3-4 – corrupt the minds of the church members: preach another Jesus; Gal 1:6-12 - another gospel
 - 3. 2Co 11:13-15 – false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ
 - 4. 2Co 11:19-20 – ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise (He’s being facetious!)
- C. Above and beyond the thee’s and thou’s are confusing; attack the Bible’s:
 - 1. accuracy (versus science, majority, political correctness ...)
 - 2. completeness (2nd testaments, boards of elders, ...)
 - 3. modern-ness (times forbad women preachers, doctors, and lawyers ...)
 - 4. translation (9000 Hebrew words do not go into 4000 English words)
- D. How do these attacks take place?
 - 1. Introduce other sources of authority (popes, confessions, catechisms, traditions, ...)
 - 2. Introduce other sources of interpretation (commentaries, former preachers, you’re too dumb, ...)
 - 3. Introduce personal revelation (God told or spoke to me, reject any and all which contradict scripture)
 - 4. Ignore (refuse to harmonize) which do not agree with beliefs (the biggest stack of verses contest)

IV. Consider the attacks on Jesus Christ and the truth about Him

A. See how Modern Versions demote Jesus

1. Change him from “Master” to “Teacher” or “Rabbi” over 46 times - John 13:13; Mark 11:21; Luke 18:18.
2. KJV sets “Rabbi”, “Master” and “Father” in reference to each other - Mat 23:8-10
3. Jesus’ Titles:

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Luke 9:57 , 22:31	Lord	missing	missing	missing	missing Luk 23:42
b. John 4:42	the Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Act 16:31, 19:4	Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing Luke 4:41
d. Rev 22:21	Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing Heb 3:1
4. Jesus’ Descriptions

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Luke 2:40	grew in spirit	became strong	became strong	grew in size	became strong
b. Luke 9:35	beloved Son	Son	Son	Son	Son
c. Act 3:13	His Son	His servant	His servant	His servant	His servant
d. 1Pe 2:6	chief cornerstone	cornerstone	cornerstone	cornerstone	cornerstone
e. Rev 1:11	alpha/omega	missing	missing	missing	missing
5. Jesus’ Deity:

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 28:6	Lord	he	he	he	he
b. Mark 13:5-6	I am Christ	I am he	I am he	I am he	I am he
c. 1Co 15:47	2 nd man is the Lord	2 nd man	2 nd man	2 nd man	2 nd man
d. 1Co 16:22	Jesus Christ	missing	missing	missing	missing
6. Jesus’ Sonship

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. John 3:16	begotten	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. John 6:69	the Son	Holy One	Holy One	holy one	holy one
c. Php 2:6	be equal	equality grasped	equality grasped	equality grasped	equality grasped
d. 1Jo 4:3	come in the flesh	missing	missing	missing	missing
7. Jesus’ birth

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 1:25	firstborn	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Luke 1:28	blessed art thou	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Luke 2:33	Joseph & mother	father & mother	father & mother	father & mother	father & mother
d. Luke 2:43	Joseph & mother	parents	parents	parents	parents
8. About and to Jesus

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. John 3:13	in heaven	missing	missing	[...]	missing
b. John 5:16	sought to slay	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. John 7:53-8:11	compassion	missing	[...]	[...]	compassion
d. Eph 3:14	Father of our LJC	Father	Father	Father	Father

B. See how Modern Versions down play Jesus' ministry

1. What's the difference between doctrine & teaching? Teaching is defined as "that which is taught." Doctrine is defined as "that which is accepted as authoritative; a statement of ultimate concern."
2. Jesus fulfilled

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 27:35	Ps 22:18	no 'fulfilled'	no 'fulfilled'	no 'fulfilled'	no 'fulfilled'
b. Mark 1:2	Mal 3:1 & Is 40:3	no 's'	no 's'	no 's'	no 's'
c. Mark 13:14	Dan 11:31	no 'Daniel'	no 'Daniel'	no 'Daniel'	no 'Daniel'
d. Mark 15:28	Is 53:12	missing	missing	missing	[...]
e. Luke 22:64	Is 50:6, 52:14	no 'struck face'	no 'struck face'	slapped	no 'struck'
3. Doctrine/teaching:

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. John 7:15-16	doctrine	teaching	teaching	doctrine	teaching
b. Acts 13:12	doctrine	teaching	teaching	teaching	teaching
c. 1Ti 4:13	doctrine	teaching	teaching	teaching	teaching
d. 2Ti 3:10	doctrine	teaching	teaching	teaching	teaching
4. Jesus walked

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 20:22	baptized with	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Matt 25:13	the Son cometh	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Luke 9:55-56	save, not destroy	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. Rev 5:9-10	redeemed us	missing			
5. Jesus' atoned

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Gal 4:7	an heir thru JC	an heir	an heir	an heir	an heir
b. Heb 1:3	by Himself	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. 1Pe 4:1	suffered for us	suffered	suffered	suffered	suffered
d. Rev 5:9	redeemed to God	purchased for God	ransomed for God	purchased for God	ransom for God
6. Jesus' truth

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Luke 4:4	every word	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Act 1:3	infallible proof	convincing proofs	proofs	convincing ways	proofs
c. Rom 1:16	gospel of Christ	gospel	gospel	gospel	gospel
d. Tts 3:10	heretic	cause divisions	stirs up	heretic	facious man
7. Trinity

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Eph 3:9	created all by JC	created all	created all	Creator of all	created all
b. Col 2:9	Godhead	Deity	deity	deity	deity
c. 1Jo 5:7	trinity	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. 1Jo 5:8	agree in one	in agreement	agree	one accord	agree

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C. See how Modern Versions take the bite out of Jesus' teaching

1. One little word

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 6:10	in earth	on earth	on earth	on earth	on earth
b. Matt 19:16	Master	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
c. John 4:24	a Spirit	Spirit	Spirit	Spirit	Spirit
d. Rom 3:22	of Christ	in Christ	in Christ	in Christ	In Jesus
e. Php 4:13	which	who	who	who	who
2. Concepts defined

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Matt 5:22	angry w/o cause	angry	angry	angry	angry
b. 1Ti 6:19	eternal life	truly life	truly life	life indeed	life indeed
c. 1Jo 3:16	love of God	what love is	love	love	love
3. Man's Duty

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Act 8:37	believe/baptized	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. 2Ti 2:15	study	hard work	do best	try hard	present yourself
c. 1Pe 4:14	evil spoken	missing	missing	missing	missing
d. 1Jo 4:19	love Him	love each other	love	love	love
4. Man & Jesus

	<u>KJV</u>	<u>NIV</u>	<u>ESV</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>RSV</u>
a. Act 9:5	kick against	missing	missing	missing	missing
b. Rev 2:15	things I hate	missing	missing	missing	missing
c. Rev 21:24	which are saved	missing	missing	missing	missing

The conclusion to the whole matter:

- Not once did we find other versions making sin, disobedience, or Satan look worse than did the KJV
- Not once did we find other versions elevating God, Jesus, or the Spirit higher than did the KJV
- Compared to the KJV other versions downplayed God's judgment, salvation, and His word.
- Deleted, changed, redefined key phrases, words, and commandments. But what version adhered to 2Co 4:2?
 - KJV: ... not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully ...
 - NIV: ... we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God ...
 - ESV: ... we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word ...
 - ASV: ... not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully ...
 - RSV: ... we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word ...