

*"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?" 1 Corinthians 14:8*

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**KING JAMES BIBLE  
USED FOR ALL  
REFERENCES TO  
GOD'S WORD IN  
THIS NEWSPAPER**

# The Original BAPTIST OBSERVER



*"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls..." Jeremiah 6:16*

## Sounding Out The Faith

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# What "Word" are you hearing?

**"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:16-17**

**"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:6-7**

**"LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89**

**"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35**

These "words" are the words from the King James Version of the Bible. These "words" are translated "words" from Greek and Hebrew into the common language of today, English. In this article we will consider where the origin of these "words" came from and whether we believe them to contain the English translation of the very Word of God. We will consider whether or not God is able to keep His promise to preserve His Word and to make it available for the "man of God" to be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works".

First of all, let's consider what "inspiration" of the Scriptures truly means. This is the difference between having the very Word of God or simply another man's ideas about God's Word. Inspiration of the Scriptures comes from the Greek word "theopneustos". This one Greek word encompasses the English words "is given by inspiration of God". This one Greek word means "divinely breathed in" or literally "God breathed". What does that mean? To understand this, we must consider some other Scriptures. After all, God is a perfect God and therefore, His word must be perfect and would not contain contradictions, but would be perfectly harmonious.

**"Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." II Samuel 23:1-2**

**"The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away**

**of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." Jeremiah 1:1-9**

**"And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S**

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house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities." Jeremiah 36:1-6

"And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped." Exodus 4:28-31

"And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD." Exodus 19:3-8

"And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God." Joshua 3:9

"And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region." Acts 13:49

"For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing." I Thessalonians 1:8

This is not exhaustive, but it should be enough to show us that God's Word was definitely given by "inspiration". That inspiration was literally "God breathed" into the mouths of God's men. They spoke the literal Word of God and then wrote it down. Either God is powerful enough to preserve His Word throughout time so that all mankind could have access to it, or He is not. I know that the God that saved my soul and made me a new creation in the inward man at that same time is powerful enough to preserve that Word. I know, because it is by that Word that I was born again and have the witness of the Holy Spirit inside me bearing witness that I am His child.

Now, on to some historical facts about the King James Version of the Bible and other "per"-versions of the Bible that have been written down through time. First of all, God's written Word was completed on the Isle of Patmos around 96 A.D. when God finished dictating to John the book of Revelation. From that time on, there has been the completed, perfect Word of God in written form in Hebrew and Greek and then translated into other languages.

Satan, the Deceiver and Father of Lies, has attempted to pervert and corrupt the Word of God long before it was completely written down. After all, did he not begin to cast doubt and confusion on the Word of God in the garden of Eden? "Yea, hath God said...?" "Ye shall **not** surely die." Notice his trickery in casting doubt on the Word of God and then changing the doctrine of God. Satan has continued to do his job well.

The perversion of the written Word of God began clear back in the first 200-300 years of the Lord's first church and then the churches that came from her. Origen began teaching the heresy of "purgatory" and convinced others of this and many other heresies. A man named Eusebius followed Origen and then taught a man named St. Jerome. (This same St. Jerome was responsible for preparing the Latin Vulgate in 382, the official Latin "Bible" adopted by the Catholic church in 1545.)

In 331, Eusebius prepared 50 "Bibles" for Constantine, the Roman Emperor who made the Catholic church the "state" religion of Rome. The Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus were two of those "Bibles". (The Codex Vaticanus was discovered in the Vatican library in 1481. The Codex Sinaiticus was found in a garbage can in St. Catherine's Catholic Monastery on Mount Sinai in 1844.) These are the two manuscripts relied on heavily by Westcott and Hort to translate their Greek New Testament in 1881 and the Old Testament in 1885. Later known as the English Revised Version. This Westcott and Hort translation is from which the modern translations are largely taken. Remember, these original "Bibles" were written for the CATHOLIC CHURCH therefore containing Catholic doctrine.

There have been accurate copies down through the ages of the Bible translated from the original texts. These translated texts are called "Textus Receptus" or Received Text. These texts harmonize and have been used and received as God's Word down through the centuries by the Lord's churches. They harmonize and agree with the original texts. It is from the Textus Receptus that the English translation of the King James Version was taken in 1611, not the Catholic Texts.

The Waldenses and Albigenses, our Baptist forefathers, helped to preserve the Textus Receptus, even at the cost of their own lives. They translated the Textus Receptus into Latin, the common language of the day, and fought to preserve the Textus Receptus for over 1,000 years. In 1516, Erasmus published the Textus Receptus into the common language of the day, Greek. He had seen large portions of the Codex Vaticanus and rejected it, stating it wasn't a reliable text. William Tyndale later translated the Textus Receptus into English.

The Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus are claimed to be the best texts because they claim to be the oldest. However, upon examining these two texts, they do not agree with one another nor are each of them in agreement within itself. There are contradictions even within each text. The over 5,000 manuscripts of the Textus Receptus have been used down through the centuries. They have been translated into the common day languages down through time so that the Lord's churches could accomplish the commission given by Jesus, Himself, in Matthew 28:18-20.

At this point, let's consider the differences made in these "modern" versions of the "Bible" compared to the King James Version of the Bible that has been accepted and used by the Lord's churches for over 270 years. Since 1881, over 200 different "translations" of the "Bible" have come about. The lies that Satan tells concerning these "translations" is that they just change words in the King James Version to make it easier to understand. Remember where these "translations" come from. They are not simply "changing" words in the King James Version of the Bible. They are taking a perverted text from Catholicism that was translated into English and using that to form a new "translation". Can

a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit? NO!

**"And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together." Genesis 22:8**

Notice in the King James Version that this verse teaches that Jesus is God because God, Jesus, will provide "himself" (Jesus) a lamb for a burnt offering.

The New International Version, New King James, and New American Standard all read this way, "Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together." Thus, taking away the deity of Christ because God will provide "the" lamb, not that Christ is God and will be the Lamb for the sacrifice for sins.

**"For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." Acts 4:27, 30**

Notice in the King James Version Jesus, "the Holy child of God and anointed", is the description of Jesus. This distinguishes Him from any other "servant" of God. There is no room to take away from Jesus' deity in these verses.

The New King James reads, "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

The New American Standard reads, "For truly \* in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

The NIV reads, "Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

In these other "versions", Jesus is simply referred to as a "servant", not the virgin born Son of God; thus, taking away from the deity of Christ.

**"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14**

This specifically shows Christ's deity through His virgin birth.

The New Revised Standard reads, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

The Message Bible reads, "So the Master is going to give you a sign anyway. Watch for this: A girl who is presently a virgin will get pregnant. She'll bear a son and name him Immanuel (God-With-Us)."



These versions completely omit the deity of Christ through His virgin birth. Even though the Message "Bible" mentions a virgin, they specify a "girl who is presently a virgin will get pregnant". This does not mean that Jesus was born of a virgin as the Bible prophesied. Women who are presently "virgins" get pregnant but are not still virgins. Again, this removes the truth of the deity of Christ being the virgin born Son of God.

**"7For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 9If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son." I John 5:7-9**

Notice in the King James Version of the Bible, these Scriptures clearly teach that Jesus, the Word, is God the Son, deity.

The NIV reads this way, "7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son."

Notice that portions of verse 7 and verse 8 are completely eliminated. The portions of these Scriptures are the parts that speak to Jesus, the Word, being deity, as equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. They completely eliminate the testimony of the Father that His Son, Jesus, is deity.

Most of the new "versions" of the Bible leave these portions out because it is claimed that they are not in the "original" texts. These "texts" they refer to are the perverted texts of the Codex Vaticanus and the Codex Sinaiticus, the basis for the Catholic religion. Is this what you want your "word of God" to be based on?

**"As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." Mark 1:2**

The King James Version clearly states the truth that the "prophets" wrote of the coming of John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Lord.

The NIV reads, "as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"

The New American Standard reads, "As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY;"

Both of these "versions" say Isaiah prophesied when in fact, more than one prophet prophesied concerning John the Baptist coming, not just Isaiah. However, for whatever reason, they felt the need to change the teaching and just write Isaiah instead of the truth, prophets.

**"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." Acts 8:37**

The King James reads pretty clearly that baptism comes after salvation and that Jesus is God.

The New American Standard version reads, "[And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart you may." And he answered and said,

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

The brackets in this verse tell the reader that this verse was not in the "original" texts. Meaning the "oldest" texts, the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus which is true, but remember what these texts were written for, the Catholic religion, causing doubt on the true Word of God. They may be the oldest today, but they are not the copies of the oldest. Those are found in the thousands of manuscripts of the Textus Receptus, the received and trusted texts.

In the NIV, this verse is completely eliminated; it goes from verse 36 to 38. The New Revised Standard simply numbers 37 but leaves it blank. The first Revised Standard simply labels verse 37 with \*no text. Begs the question, then why is there a 37? Why isn't it numbered according to the "text" so-called?

**"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." Romans 11:6**

The King James Version of this verse clearly teaches that grace and works cannot go hand in hand. They are complete opposites.

The Revised Standard reads, "But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace."

The New Revised Standard reads exactly the same. This completely eliminates the juxta-position that if it is of works it can no longer be of grace. This would tear down the false doctrine of any means of works for salvation at all so therefore, it is left out completely.

**"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13**

The King James Version of this verse clearly states that Christ is the One who strengthens us.

The NIV reads, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

The Revised Standard reads, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

New Revised Standard reads, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Notice how in the other translations Christ is removed from the strength. This leaves "interpretation" open so that one's strength can come from wherever or whomever they choose. This position lowers Christ to that of any other human, once again removing His deity.

**"To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;" II Corinthians 2:10**

This verse is clearly teaching that we do not have the power in ourself to forgive others. It is through the power of Christ within us in the new man that allows us to have a forgiving nature.

The New King James reads, "Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ,"

NIV reads, "Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your

sake,"

Revised Standard reads, "Any one whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ,"

Notice the subtle changes in these versions changing "the person of Christ" to simply the "presence" of Christ. These changes bringing the power of Christ as God to just being in His presence as any other person. Once again, taking away from the deity of Christ.

**"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." Acts 17:29**

The use of the word "Godhead" here makes the teaching in this verse very clear that the God of Heaven, the Trinity, is not like any other "deity" or "divinity".

The New King James reads, "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising."

The NIV reads, "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill."

The Revised Standard reads, "Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, a representation by the art and imagination of man."

In these other versions, by removing "Godhead" and replacing it with divine nature, divine being and Deity there is an open door for other "gods" to be used instead of the context of this passage that Jesus is God.

The cry that these other versions simply "change" a few words to make it easier to understand simply is not true. Remember, they mainly used the corrupted texts for their versions. Consider the following statistics:

The New King James Version differs from the King James Version in the New Testament by omitting 2,289 words.

The NIV differs by omitting 5,219 words in the New Testament.

The Revised Standard differs by omitting 6,985 words in the New Testament.

The NIV omits 16 complete verses from the New Testament.

The Revised Standard omits 25 complete verses from the New Testament.

The NIV alone removes 63,625 words from the King James Version of the Bible.

The NIV omits the word "Christ" 25 times, the word "Lord" 352 times, "Jesus" 292 times, "God" 468 times, "heaven" 160 times, and "salvation" 42 times, just to name a few.

The New King James Version removes the word "Lord" 66 times, "God" 51 times, "heaven" 50 times, and "blood" 23 times.

The Revised Standard removes the word "Lord" 36 times, "Christ" 32 times, "Jesus" 53 times, "God" 111 times, "heaven" 83 times, "blood" 26 times, and "salvation" 33 times.

In the next step of our investigation, let's consider what a copyright is. The definition of copyright is "the exclusive legal right, given to an originator or an assignee to print, publish, perform, film, or record literary, artistic, or musical material, and to authorize others to do the same".

First of all, the King James Version of the Holy Scriptures is not copyrighted, has never been copyrighted and can never be. (Except for in the UK, in 1988, by using an act of 1775 gave a round-a-bout way to do a sort of "copyright" on the KJV but in the UK only.)

This is the definition given of why other versions of the Bible can copyright the King James Version that is not allowed to be copyrighted.

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Long story short, in order for these other modern translations to be copyrighted, they have to be far enough away and "embellished" so as not to be a "copy" of the

original. Very interesting, considering it is the "Word of God" but once man "embellishes" or puts his own interpretations on it, it is no longer the Word of God. These other versions that are copyrighted are made in order to make money at a profit. The Authorized King James Version is not copyrighted so it would be available to all. The King James Version is a translation into the English language from the manuscripts of the Textus Receptus, preserved by our forefathers down through time.

Prior to 1881, the only Bibles available were the King James Version and Catholic Bibles. In 1604, King James I gave an order for an English translation of the Bible to be written. This was to be a translation of universally accepted text. 47 scholars were divided into six groups for "checks and balances". These groups were divided in pairs between Cambridge, Oxford and Westminster. Each group was given specific portions of Scripture to translate. Afterward, that portion was examined by the remaining five groups. A special committee of six members would then make a final review before the translation was ready for printing. This process took over seven years to complete the English translation.

The King James Bible was translated from the original languages using the best available Hebrew, Greek, and Latin texts and manuscripts known as the Textus Receptus. The translation drew on the work of William Tyndale, who had translated the New Testament from Greek into English in 1525 from manuscripts of the Textus Receptus.

The Original 1611 King James Version was first printed as pulpit Bibles. About a year later, smaller, personal size Bibles began to be printed. This is still the same King James Version we have today minus a few spelling changes implemented as the English language and printing changed.

Below is the inscription placed in the 1611 King James Version of the Bible:

*"The Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments: Translated Out of the Original Tongues; and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised, by His Majesty's Special Command. Appointed to be read in churches."*

If you will, we are going to go back and revisit some of the earlier points made in this article. The English Revised Version of the Bible by Westcott and Hort lead directly to the Revised Standard Version in 1952.

This modern version of the Bible was not printed or published by Baptists. The Revised Standard Version was published by the American Council of Churches. They devised a plan to mail out free copies of this new version of the "Bible" with the stipulation they would preach out of it the next Sunday. They purposely had the new "Bibles" delivered on Saturday so that they had no time to "examine" the book before "preaching" out of it the next day on Sunday. Interesting? It is reported that many preachers yielded to this plan and followed through by preaching with them the very next day. Others said they took time to examine the RSV and found problems with heresies found within the pages.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are the oldest known copies of the Old Testament in Hebrew. They were discovered in 1947 in a cave in Qumran. The King James Version of the Bible has been found to be an accurate translation of these copies with very few differences other than spelling.

Frank Logsdon was instrumental in encouraging and participating in the New American Standard Version of the Bible coming about. In 1973, giving a lecture, he is quoted as saying:

*"For instance, there are in the revisions (1881 and 1901), so we are told 5337 deletions, subtractions if you please. And here is the way it is done. It is done so subtly that very few would discover it. For instance, in the New American Standard we are told that 16 times the word "Christ" is gone. When you are reading through you perhaps wouldn't miss many of them. Some you might. And 10 or 12 times the word "Lord" is gone. For instance, if you were in a church when the pastor is speaking on the words of the Lord Jesus in His temptation, "Get thee behind me, Satan," if you have a New American Standard you wouldn't even find it. It's not even in there. And there are so many such deletions. . . . Nevertheless, when there is an omission that might be observed, they put in the margin, "Not in the oldest manuscripts." But they don't tell you what those oldest manuscripts are. What oldest manuscripts? Or they may say, "Not in the best manuscripts." What are the best manuscripts? They don't tell you. You see how subtle that is? The average man sees a little note in the margin which says "not in the better manuscripts" and he takes for granted they are scholars and they must know, and then he goes on. That's how easily one can be deceived. . . . Back in 1956-57 Mr. F. Dewey Lockman of the Lockman Foundation [contacted me. . . Well, he discovered that the copyright [on the American Standard Version of 1901] was just as loose as a fumbled ball on a football field. Nobody wanted it. The publishers didn't want it. It didn't get anywhere. Mr. Lockman got in touch with me and said, "Would you and Ann come out and spend some weeks with us, and we'll work on a feasibility report; I can pick up the copyright to the 1901 if it seems advisable." Well, up to that time I thought the Westcott and Hort was the text. You were intelligent if you believed the Westcott and Hort. Some of the finest people in the world believed in that Greek text, the finest leaders that we have today. . . . At any rate we went out and started on a feasibility report, and I encouraged him to go ahead with it. I'm afraid I'm in trouble with the Lord, because I encouraged him to go ahead with it. We laid the groundwork; I wrote the format; I helped to interview some of the translators; I sat with the translators; I wrote the preface. When you see the preface to the New American Standard, those are my words. . . . I just took for granted that it was done as we started it, you know, until some friends across the country began to learn that I had some part in it and they started saying, "What about this, what about that?" . . . But I finally got to the place where I said, "Ann, I'm in trouble; I can't refute these arguments; it's wrong; it's terribly wrong; and what am I going to do about it?" Well, I went through some real soul searching for about four months, and I sat down and wrote one of the most difficult of my life, I think. . . . I wrote to my friend Dewey, and I said, "Dewey, I don't want to add to your problems, . . . but I can no longer ignore these criticism I am hearing and I can't refute them. The only thing I can do and dear Brother, I haven't a thing against you and I can witness at the judgment of Christ and before men wherever I go that you were 100 percent sincere," (he wasn't schooled in language or anything; he was just a business man; he did it for the money; he did it conscientiously; he wanted it absolutely right and he thought it was right; I guess nobody pointed out some of these things to him). "I must under God renounce every attachment to the New American Standard."*

The question still stands, what **Word** are you hearing? Don't be deceived!