

IS THE KING JAMES BIBLE HARD?

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A Christian is compromising with worldliness if they reject the King James Bible.

It is a common belief that the King James Bible is hard to understand. This statement is especially made by religious people. They believe that the world cannot understand the King James Bible language, and that it makes religious people appear out-of-place and irrelevant. They think the solution is to change the Bible into contemporary and easy-to-understand language.

The King James Bible is entirely faithful to the original, and is the Word of God in English. If people cannot understand the King James Bible, it is not the problem of the Bible, but of the heart of the people. “Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart” (Ephesians 4:18). The reality is that the world is operating in opposition to the Word of God, and therefore is not going toward the Word of God in English.

God’s words are true, and the truth cannot be altered. This means that making a modern “Bible” is actually bringing in lies, errors and distortions. God’s communication to man is a high standard that cannot be diminished. “Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.” (Proverbs 13:13).

Some say that the King James Bible was made in the language of the people of 1611, and that likewise, the Bible should be turned into the common language of today, perhaps with as little change as possible to the King James Bible.

However, the exact language that is found in the King James Bible was never spoken in England or anywhere else. It was translated by Anglican and University men, who did not try and bring the Bible down to the language of the alehouse, but they used “Biblical English”.

True Christians should not be enemies of “Biblical English” by trying to be friends with worldly language, as Jesus warned, “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.” (Luke 6:26). The true Gospel is for people to be converted out of the world’s system, to conform to God’s Word — not to turn God’s ways into being like the world.

God’s Kingdom is “out-of-place” with the world. Moreover, changing even one word in the Bible is dangerous.