

VICTORY FAITH CENTRE STATEMENT ON THE PURE EDITION OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

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The following is a statement prepared by the Eldership of Victory Faith Centre for the purpose of identifying the standard pure text of the King James Bible containing exact wording of the purified Word of God in English, despite the several editions of the King James Bible available which contain slight word differences.

The Scripture shows that the Word of God must be exactly word perfect: “The words of the LORD *are* pure words” (Ps. 12:6a), “Every word of God is pure” (Prov. 30:5a), “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4b), “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Matt. 5:18). This means that there is only one text that will be pure and correct — “The law of LORD *is* perfect, ... the testimony of the LORD *is* sure” (Ps. 19:7) and “For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.” (1 Cor. 14:33).

Both Scripture and history confirm the existence of two trends relating to the Word of God:

- 1) The trend of corruption of the text through devilish means, resulting in an impure textual stream. Modern versions can be clearly shown to be in this stream.
- 2) The trend of preservation of the original text through godly means, resulting in a pure textual stream. The Authorized King James Bible can be clearly shown to be in this stream.

The doctrinal statement of Victory Faith Centre Inc. states that, “The pure and perfect Word of God in English is the 1611 Authorized King James Version of the Bible”. This Bible version was produced and first printed in 1611, but contained a number of errors of the press. These errors were the result of the publisher’s love for worldly gain. From then until the present day, the devil has used various corrupt Bible publishers and printers in different ways to interfere with the text.

However, the Holy Ghost guided purging of the King James Bible through seven major legitimate works of revision. These were undertaken to remove printing errors, standardise spelling and certain punctuation, and grammar, and establish it into a final standard. This can be observed in the editions up to the notable 1769 edition, where consistent spelling and grammar were approved. Subsequently, the Cambridge University Press made further small changes to the 1769 text, which culminated in a completely purified text by circa 1900, and was the Bible this press issued for the next fifty years. Alongside the prophecy that within the Church of God “[a]lso of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things [i.e. altering the Word of God]” (Acts 20:30a), the Holy Ghost ensured that through “the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15b), there would be the fulfillment of the prophecy to preserve faithfully “pure words [i.e. the words of the LORD]: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” (Psalm 12:6, 7). Thus, the Holy Ghost worked to ensure that the Word of God (as the Received Text through godly authority and tradition within the body of Christ) be available as a single volume for end time dissemination within the framework of a global language, namely English.

The relatively small changes made in the history of printed King James Bibles do not undermine the purity of the handwritten master of 1611. The Bible states, “The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” (Ps. 12:6). Clearly, the Word of God in English was pure in 1611, regardless of the inadequacy of the printers, and regardless of any wrong changes introduced over the next hundreds of years, because through the process of purification all impurities were cast out, and wrong changes undone, so that the world could have the exact text of the Word of God — the originals in English. Sadly, it is no longer printed by Cambridge University Press, but is available in many of their older Bibles, as well as in the current Bibles produced by certain other publishing houses.

The pure text of the King James Bible, known as the Pure Cambridge Edition, rivals other editions of the King James Bible. Out of all the available editions, only one text can be the standard and completely correct as fulfilled in prophecy, so several of the merits of the Pure Cambridge Edition have to be set forth:

- 1) Where a difference is found in King James Bible editions, it is conformed to the originals unlike its rivals;
- 2) It is the product of godly purification revisions (such as 1613, 1629, 1638, 1762 and 1769), which have been accepted for generations;
- 3) It is more conformed to the 1611 wording than its rivals;
- 4) It is the product of a reputable University known as the oldest Bible publisher in the world and that was directly involved with the production of the 1611 version;
- 5) It coincides with the appearance of Classical Pentecostalism from 1900 onwards;
- 6) It was arrived at as the result for the genuine need of correction, unlike the misguided Revised Version of 1881 – 1884, which represented further and wholesale devilish corruption and departure from the established tradition; and
- 7) It has been widely accepted as the standard by experts and King James Bible supporters.

It is evident that the final form of the Received Text of Scripture is that of the Pure Cambridge Edition of the Authorized King James Bible. However, more modern Cambridge King James Bibles are found to be wanting in regards to their wrongful capitalising of the word “spirit” in Acts 11:12, Acts 11:28 and 1 John 5:8. Likewise, other modernised and variant King James Bible texts are becoming prevalent. Therefore, the Eldership of Victory Faith Centre have affirmed that the Pure Cambridge Edition is the legitimate, preserved and pure text of the 1611 King James Bible, and any Bible with that text is to be used privately and publicly by the believer. The Eldership are aware that other accidental and unique errata of the press may be found in some books of the Pure Cambridge Edition, but this does not undermine Biblical authority, though it highlights a need for perfection in presentation.

The Pure Cambridge Edition can be identified by the following criteria when checking various King James Bibles:

1. “or Sheba” not “and Sheba” in Joshua 19:2
2. “sin” not “sins” in 2 Chronicles 33:19
3. “Spirit of God” not “spirit of God” in Job 33:4
4. “whom ye” not “whom he” in Jeremiah 34:16
5. “Spirit of God” not “spirit of God” in Ezekiel 11:24
6. “flieth” not “fleeth” in Nahum 3:16
7. “Spirit” not “spirit” in Matthew 4:1
8. “further” not “farther” in Matthew 26:39
9. “bewrayeth” not “betrayeth” in Matthew 26:73
10. “Spirit” not “spirit” in Mark 1:12
11. “spirit” not “Spirit” in Acts 11:28
12. “spirit” not “Spirit” in 1 John 5:8

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