

9. Errors of the New King James Version

We are told that the NKJV is just a modernizing of the KJV 1611. There is more to it than this. What's wrong with the NKJV? Seven areas of errors are:

1. If the NKJV is just a modernizing of the KJV 1611, why has Thomas Nelson publishers placed a **COPYRIGHT** © on the NKJV, when the **KJV has no copyright**? You cannot copyright God's Word! You can only copyright man's words. The copyright makes it illegal to copy the NKJV without the publisher's permission, or they can sue you in a court of law. By taking out a copyright on a Bible version, they are saying that it is their own words, not God's Words. Has God slapped a copyright on His Bible? No. Does God want His Word to be freely available to all, or must we ask a publisher? They may try to "bind" the Word of God, but Paul says: "The Word of God is not bound" II Timothy 2:9

2. **NKJV FOOTNOTES** cast doubt on which verses are inspired, by giving the reader a choice of three different Greek readings, on 774 instances;

a) The main English NT Scripture is supposedly translated from the Textus Receptus.

b) 'NU' denotes the Nestles/United Bible Society's Greek text, which is simply the old Westcott and Hort readings;

c) 'M' denotes the Hodges-Farstad-Nelson Majority Greek text.

Suddenly every Christian has to decide which verses are God's Word and which are not.

3. **THE HEBREW TEXT** that the NKJV is translated from is slightly different from the pure Masoretic text used by the KJV. The KJV is translated from the Bomberg edition (1524-25) of the Masoretic text prepared by Jacob ben Chayyim. The NKJV uses the

a) 1967/77 Stuttgart edition of the Biblia Hebraica, with frequent comparisons made with the Bomberg edition of 1525. In addition the NKJV consulted

b) the Septuagint Greek Old Testament,

c) the Latin Vulgate,

d) a variety of ancient versions of the Hebrew scriptures, as well as

e) the Dead Sea Scrolls. (NKJV preface, p.vi).

This explains some of the OT differences between the KJV & NKJV.

We must use the true Masoretic text of the Hebrews because:

a) God named the Jews to be guardians of the Old Testament in Romans 3:1,2

"unto them were committed the oracles (utterances of the words) of God".

b) Jesus authorised the Hebrew Masoretic Text in Matthew 5:17,18, Luke 24:27,44 by the phrase "the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms". This is the order of books in the Masoretic text. The order of books in the Septuagint is Law, Psalms, Prophets and Apocrypha. Jesus did not endorse the Septuagint, nor the Dead Sea scrolls, nor the Latin Vulgate, nor any ancient Hebrew version, only the Masoretic text.

Serious Omissions in the NIV Bible

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A study of the omissions, changes and causes of corruption in modern Bible versions and evidence for the King James Version representing the preserved original text of the Bible.

"Then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word...." Luke 8:12

"If any man shall take away from the words..." Revelation 22:19