

THE HOLY "KING JAMES VERSION" OF THE BIBLE

He who would say anything uncomplimentary about the KJV, does invite criticism and is not likely to win any popularity awards. Just being critical is unworthy of fairness and objective reasoning. And Without question, the KJV is one of the most popular versions and is one of the greatest literary classics of our times. It's unlikely that any version will surpass it's beauty and eloquence in style and mode in it's period of history; BUT, in spite of all this we cannot allow our sentiments to distort common sense. The KJV has its multitude of faults. God never intended that the written revelation of himself be confined within an 'archaic' language. There is nothing sacred about the 17th century that demands its preservation. The King's English of the 17th century is not the spoken vernacular of the 20th century English speaking world. Also a storehouse of biblical documents are available today that weren't available back then. Some dangers, as I see; To 'not' understand, means only that the reader is deprived of knowledge, and that's not good, but to 'mis'understand, can very well lead unto apostasy when that which is 'mis'understood is taught as gospel truth. This is one of the reasons we have over 500 different Sectarian churches. Wm. S. LaSor, prof. of O.T., Fuller Seminary said, "While no one wants to shoot 'mother', but still it is foolish to refuse to give her decent burial when her days are finished". (op cit). A serious bible student will **not** trust his/her understanding of the scriptures on one version only, especially if many other versions are contradictory to what you might want it to say. Study ALL Versions!

Yours for Truth and Freedom..... Horace Hooper