

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
6:30 p.m. Service -----	Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
Wed. Evening Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of July 7, 2019

Sunday School -----	10
Sunday Morning Service -----	28
Sunday Evening Service -----	15
Wed. Evening Service, 07/10/19 -----	13

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of July 7, 2019 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 650.75
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund -----	\$ 151.00
Total Received for Week of 07/07/19:	\$ 801.75

- Week of June 23, 2019 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 575.02
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund -----	\$ 45.00
Total Received for Week of 06/23/19:	\$ 620.02

- Week of June 16, 2019 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 196.60
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund -----	\$ 26.00
Total Received for Week of 06/16/19:	\$ 222.60

- Week of June 9, 2019 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 633.10
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund -----	\$ 68.97
Total Received for Week of 06/09/19:	\$ 702.07

- Week of June 2, 2019 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,130.16
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund -----	\$ 68.00
Total Received for Week of 06/02/19:	\$ 1,198.16

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK,
as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00**


**AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER
REPAIR FUND**

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$ 4,800.00

Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 604.97

TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$4,195.03

Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*

**Please Remember To
Be Faithful To Give!**


As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Mickie Shatwell -----	Pianist
Lois Mae Floyd -----	Pianist/Organist
Volunteer Needed! -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarrt -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley White

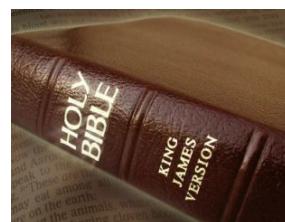
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One Book Stands Alone

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by Dr. Douglas D. Stauffer

The Deity Of Christ Denied In The Modern Versions

"For if the true New Testament text came from God, whence came the erroneous variant readings ultimately save from the evil one; and how could the true text have been preserved save through the providence of God working through His Church?"

- Edward F. Hills

For decades now, modern versions have been hitting the market at the rate of several per year. As a result, we now have hundreds of different versions on the market. **How did it all begin?** To answer this question, we must revisit the early formative years of the modern debate concerning updating the Word of God.

The first modern version to appear on the market was the **English Revised Version** (ERV) of 1881. It was supposed to be a revision of the KJB but became a new translation in and of itself. The **American Standard Version** (ASV) was first published in 1901 in America as a revision of the 1881 English Revised Version.

The ERV and the ASV are the great granddaddies of all the modern translations. They initiated the changes that are so common today. *These versions also included study footnotes for the reader.* Examining the footnotes found in these early versions, one can quickly ascertain the thoughts and intentions of the earliest revisers. Although its copyright page claims the ASV to be a revision of the King James Bible, it is not.

The **claimed** purpose of this older translation, as well as the **stated** purpose of today's translations, is simply to modernize the language and render these versions easier to read and understand. *If the intention of the revisers was merely to modernize the language of the King James Bible, why then do these modern versions all attack the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ?*

JESUS - THE MORNING STAR

Now that the modern versions' attack on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ has been clearly identified, we turn our attention toward the source of this attack. Satan is identified as Lucifer only one time in the word of God. Before we look at the passage in the book of Isaiah, which identifies Lucifer, reveals his past, and foretells his future, we must first establish who Lucifer is not. For this reason, we must take note of the identity of the morning star.

(KJB) Revelation 22:16: "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

The Bible and the modern versions both state that Jesus is the bright and morning star. Now, having established the identity of the morning star, our attention is directed to Isaiah chapter fourteen — the only place in the Bible that mentions Lucifer by name. He is the son of the morning that was created perfect until pride destroyed him. Notice the five times that he uses the personal pronoun "I."

(KJB) Isaiah 14:12: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be

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like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Satan, Lucifer, the Devil, that crooked serpent — all the same. Praise God, one day Lucifer will be brought down to hell. The KJB proclaims this truth in this singular biography and identification of Lucifer. However, this is not the case in the blasphemous NIV. Instead of being brought low, the NIV allows Lucifer to become the imposter he desires so much to be (II Thessalonians 2:4).

Instead of revealing Satan to be the archenemy of God and man, the finger is pointed in the Saviour's direction as though He is the imposter. Remember who the book of the Revelation identified as the morning star...now, look at the One to whom the NIV blasphemously points its finger — Jesus Christ!

(NIV) Isaiah 14:12: "How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit."

The NIV fails to reveal Lucifer, but instead attributes the history and future of Lucifer to the morning star. According to Revelation 22:16, the morning star is the Lord Jesus Christ — not Lucifer! Thus, the NIV indicates that the Lord, rather than Satan, was actually the One that fell. This passage in the KJB is the only place Lucifer shows up by name. He remains hidden in the NIV.

Displacing the Lord has always been the goal of Satan. All of this has been done in preparation for the day when the antichrist will outwardly claim that he is God. The Bible foretells this future event: "so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (II Thessalonians 2:4). The NIV makes that deception all the more possible. The antichrist will claim that the Lord Jesus Christ was the false Messiah and that he is the true one. Can you imagine how much easier the deception will be when he picks up one of these modern versions to "prove" his point?

In his book which attacks the King James Bible, the author James White answers these legitimate concerns with the following response. "The person under discussion in Isaiah 14 is obviously not the Lord Jesus Christ, and how anyone could confuse the person who is obviously under the wrath of God in that passage (note verse 15) with the Lord Jesus is hard to imagine." My concerns for misunderstanding are not self-motivated. I know to whom the passage refers because my King James Bible tells me it is Lucifer.

However, the lost person of the future may only have exposure to the modern versions. The Bible says Satan will come "with all the deceivableness of unrighteousness..." (II Thessalonians 2:10). This passage may be one of the key tools used by him to deceive many people (Mark 13:5-6). The Bible says many will come in the name of Christ (imposters) (Luke 21:8), claiming that He never came in the flesh (II John 7). We can expect that they will point to

the Lord Jesus Christ (the Morning Star) as the true deceiver (Matthew 27:63). The Bible foretells that deception will increase dramatically in the last days (II Timothy 3:13). For someone, such as Mr. White, to defend these changes while understanding their implications is complete biblical infidelity!

For instance, consider the implications during the Tribulation of the NIV's saying that Christians are marked. (See Ephesians 1:13 discussion in chapter four.) The NIV Christians are marked. The future consequences of such an error are more bleak than can be conveyed within the pages of this book (Revelation 13:16). After the rapture, when the modern versions finally displace the King James Bible, will those left behind be convinced by these modern perversions that "God's people" truly do take the mark...then why should they resist it? The battle for the Bible pits the Bible believer against the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Whose side do you find yourself on?

JESUS - IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Many of the changes revealed so far have shown a direct attack on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. One book stands alone in painting clear pictures of Christ's deity in the Old Testament. One of the author's favorite Old Testament pictures of our Saviour occurs in the story of Abraham and Isaac. When Isaac asks about the lamb sacrifice, Abraham reveals the future sacrifice of the Lamb of God. The Bible does not simply say God will provide a lamb. It implies that He will provide Himself!

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

The Bible says that God will provide himself a lamb. Recall that a ram was caught in the thicket (Genesis 22:13). God provided a ram at that time. This seemingly insignificant detail actually adds further significance to Abraham's comment concerning the future coming of a Lamb (John 1:29). This poignant picture, along with many others, is destroyed by the modern versions.

(NIV) Genesis 22:8: "Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.' And the two of them went on together."

Yes, God will provide a lamb, but the greater truth is revealed when one realizes that Abraham was prophesying of the day when the Lord would provide Himself as the sacrifice for our sins! What picture does your version convey?

JESUS — THE JUDGE

The Lord Jesus Christ is not only the Creator of the universe, but will also be the Judge of the same. However, only God can judge on the last day. Thus, the following passage further proves the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians will stand at His judgment seat.

(KJB) Romans 14:10: "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

All Christians will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Each of us will have his work judged to determine whether or not he will receive an eternal reward. Clearly, the One who died for us — the Lord Jesus Christ — will be our Judge. Not so clear in the NIV, which fails to refer to this as the judgment seat of Christ.

(NIV) Romans 14:10: "You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat."

Not only is the deity diminished, but the NIV contradicts the truth. God the Father has assigned all judgment to the Son. The NIV passage contradicts this truth as presented in the NIV and the KJB in John 5:22. "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son."

JESUS — OMNIPRESENT

When the Lord Jesus Christ was talking to Nicodemus, He gave proof of His deity and oneness with the Father. According to this verse, while the Lord was physically on earth, He was in heaven as well. We may not fully understand these truths because of our finite abilities of comprehension, but the truth remains. Jesus was in heaven while He was walking on the earth.

(KJB) John 3:13: "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."

The evidence continues to mount. Verse after verse shows the attack on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The truth is easy to see when one compares the modern versions to the standard (Jeremiah 50:2). Unfortunately, there is no opportunity for comparison when a person uses only one of these modern versions. The problems can only be recognized when a comparison is made. Only a person that has read and memorized the King James Bible can recognize the existence or magnitude of these changes.

(NIV) John 3:13: "No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man."

In the NIV, this verse no longer reveals that the Lord was in more than one place at a time. He is one with the Father. The Lord Jesus Christ was walking on this earth at the same time that He was in heaven. His hearers must have thought Him crazy or heretical...I think Him to be God. The Jews understood the meaning. Look at their reaction when the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed: I and my Father are one. 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. (John 10:30-31).

JESUS — THE RESURRECTION

Next, we consider the attack on the resurrection of the Lord. The Lord told His hearers that, shortly, they would no longer see Him because He was going to the Father. Upon their death, the souls of all Old Testament saints were sent to the heart of the earth in paradise. But the eternal, sinless Son of God was resurrected FROM the dead (Mark 9:9-10) and went to the Father.

(KJB) John 16:16: "A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father."

Satan hates the resurrection with a passion. When he finds an opportune time to destroy it, he opens his penknife (Jeremiah 36:23). No mention of the resurrection is made in the following verse from the NIV. The NIV sounds more like a magician's disappearing act.

(NIV) John 16:16: "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

The resurrection has been attacked and has disappeared from the verse! Jesus foretold His death many times (John 12:33). The KJB points out that He would be going to the Father (who is in heaven). This statement foretells of His resurrection and the fact that His body would not remain in the grave, nor would His soul remain in the heart of the earth. \div

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

K CHILDREN IN PHILADELPHIA MUSLIM SOCIETY SAY THEY WILL CHOP OFF HEADS FOR ALLAH - The Muslim American Society (MAS) Islamic Center in Philadelphia posted the video to its Facebook page celebrating Ummah Day in which young children wearing Palestinian scarves sang and read poetry about killing for Allah and the mosque in Jerusalem, Fox News reported. "One girl talks about martyrs sacrificing their lives without hesitation to conquer Jerusalem." "We will defend the land of divine guidance with our bodies, and we will sacrifice our souls without hesitation," another girl says. "We will chop off their heads, and we will liberate the sorrowful and exalted Al-Aqsa Mosque [the mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount]. We will lead the army of Allah fulfilling His promise, and we will subject them to eternal torture."

In a statement to Fox News, MEMRI wrote: "These are not isolated incidents; they are happening in major centers of the country--including in Pennsylvania." ... Hassan Sajwani, an Emirati writer, tweeted: "I hope the world now realizes why did the #UAE back in 2014 designate #MuslimAmericanSociety @mas_national a terrorist organization! This is what they preach [to] kids as young as 5 yrs of age!"

- Daily Wire, May 3, 2019



The Neglected Remedy