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Is the King James Version Bible (and other versions) error free?

Answer: NO

The King James Version Bible is beautifully written and is a “classic” as far as Bible translations go. But it is hardly free from mistakes of mistranslations from the earliest Hebrew and Greek manuscripts we now have.

To get to the truth of God's Written Word the truth seeker must understand that the Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament was written in Greek. In translating these ancient Scripture texts into English mistakes have been made. Sometimes they have been innocent faults and sometimes they have been intentional twisting of words to fit a new doctrine of a church denomination.

To cite some examples (of many hundreds):

Did Jesus teach us to hate our parents? If we take it literally, the King James Version tells us so in the below verse by the words of Jesus:

“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26)

However, in studying the ancient Greek language of that era this phrase was only a “Greek idiom” which actually meant that “you cannot love your family members more than me and be my disciple”. Jesus never taught us to hate our parents as said in the King James Version Bible.

Neither did God's Word tell us that we cannot kill at all under any circumstance, yet most English Bibles tell us that the 6th Commandment says “*Thou shalt not kill*” (Exodus 20:13 – King James Version) Some pacifists have used these words to argue that we have no right to take a convicted murderer's life with execution by capital punishment. Yet God's own law from the beginning clearly states “*Whose sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.*” (Genesis 9:6)

The word translated as “kill” in the 6th commandment was the Hebrew word “raw-tsakh” and it means “to murder”. The 6th commandment declared “thou shalt not murder”. A person surely has a right to defend his life or his family's lives by killing an attacker if necessary. An army has a job and duty to protect a nation against aggressors with plenty of killing to do so.

Mistakes have been made in translating Bibles and the King James Version is no exception. The Christian reaching for God's Word of truth must seek out several translations of any given verse and have on hand some Hebrew and Greek language dictionary references to get to the bottom of a real intention of a word, verse, or chapter in God's original Word given to us.

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