

The video “Who is God?: The Godhead and the Person of the Son P2 | Interview with Timo Hoffmann PI 4” was posted on YouTube on 4/24/20.” The host is Christopher Sernaque and the featured speaker is Timo Hoffmann. The message was very good and this review is not meant to deprecate it but simply to demonstrate that by avoiding the use of corrupt bibles, Timo avoided many pitfalls by using the King James Version (KJV).

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The following are some examples of places where the use of a corrupt bible would have failed to give the right message. I counted eleven places where this was so but will only comment on five of those. I’ve chosen to use the New King James Version (NKJV) and the New International Version (NIV) as bibles that would have given the wrong message. I use those bibles as examples since they are commonly used by Seventh-day Adventists because they are allegedly “easier to read.” Those are also two of the bible versions used for Andrews Study Bibles. There are many more bibles than just the NKJV and NIV that are used in Seventh-day Adventist publications and sermons that would have given the wrong message.

It is wrong to flatter a minister because when they give a good message because it is God who should be given the glory. No minister should be idolized. That said, if it is right to object to an unskillful message, it should also be right to encourage a minister who gives a message that rightly divides the Word of truth.

Around 10:56 a well-known verse from John was used. Some Seventh-day Adventist ministers who use the NKJV almost exclusively are apparently oblivious to what that bible says.

King James Version – “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” John 1:3.

New King James Version – “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” John 1:3

The meaning of “by him” is different than “through Him.” To say “by him” means He was the actual Creator; to say “through him” could mean He was merely the conduit by which God created things. It leaves open the possibility that Jesus was a little lower than the eternal God.

Around 12:10 Romans 1:20 was used to show Jesus is part of the Godhead.

King James Version – “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”

New International Version – “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

There is nothing about the Godhead in this verse in the NIV. He (Jesus) does have eternal power but that could just mean he won't die again; a quality even some humans will have. As for the "divine nature," that is something all Christians are supposed to attain (see 2 Peter 1:4).

Around 20:22 Colossians 1:13 was used.

King James Version – "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

New King James Version – "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,"

Do those verses mean the same thing? No they don't. To say "kingdom of his dear Son" is singular as in the only begotten Son. "Son of His love" would mean Jesus was one of two or more sons or that he was the son of someone God loved like Mary.

Though Timo did use the KJV for this verse he said the reading could also be "Son of His love." This is where ministers get into trouble in trying to edit God's Word using counterfeit bibles. That reading suggested by Timo can be found in corrupt bibles. Timo's native language is not English but rather German so it's possible he didn't appreciate the difference in meanings.

Around 40:08 Romans 1:3 was used.

King James Version – "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;"

New King James Version – "concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,"

In the KJV Jesus was "made of the seed of David" and in the NKJV He was "born of the seed of David." The reading of the KJV means Jesus was made just like we are with our fallen nature. Being "born of the seed" is consistent with the Roman Catholic doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in which Jesus was born of the sinless Mary (who God loves) and did not inherit our sinful nature.

Around 47:21 Zechariah 13:6 was used.

King James Version – "And one shall say unto him, What are these wound in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

New King James Version – “And one will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ Then he will answer, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’”

This is a messianic prophecy. Ellen White quotes part of it on page 226 of *The Acts of the Apostles*. The wounds spoken of were in the hands and not between the arms.

There are four different Andrews Study Bibles. One is based on the NKJV, one on the NIV, one on the Spanish Reina-Valera 1995 (RV95) and one on the Portuguese Almeida Revista e Atualizada (ARA). The NKJV says the wounds were between the arms, the NIV says the wounds were on the body and both the RV95 and the ARA say the wounds were in the hands. ALL of those bibles have footnote for this verse similar to that found in the NKJV Andrews Study Bible which says:

“When confronted about the ‘wounds’ on his torso (‘between your arms’ probably refers to the chest or back), scars which probably resulted from self mutilation while participating in idolatrous rituals (1 Kin. 18:28), the false prophet lies about how he received them.”

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