

“An Outsider Learns About the Seventh-Day Adventist Church” was posted on YouTube by The Ten Minute Bible Hour on 5/19/20. Some Seventh-day Adventists are being interviewed regarding our beliefs. Matt Whitman is the one getting information about Seventh-day Adventists for his YouTube channel which has 131,000 subscribers. Daniel Weber who is the director of communication production for the North American Division answered some of the questions. Matt Whitman’s friend, a Seventh-day Adventist layman named Justin Khoe, also answered questions. The main sage answering questions is Greg Phillips who is a pastor at the Pleasant Valley Church in Happy Valley, OR.

There are some things that might interest you. Around 3:25 the question is asked about a bible that is under glass at the Pleasant Valley Church in Happy Valley, OR. Pastor Greg Phillips says, “I actually don’t know the version of that Bible. You know why? The Bible is important but the version of the Bible is, is ah, we can say it right off I think the best version of the Bible is as many as possible.” I would take that to mean he believes all bibles are the same or that he believes one bible is just as good or as bad as another. He says the main bible used in his church is the English Standard Version (ESV) and that he sometimes preaches from the New Living Translation (NLT). He talks about “embracing a language that feels good to an individual” rather than “this is the way, walk in it.”

What he says about Seventh-day Adventists “embracing a language that feels good” rather than “this is the way, walk in it” is frequently true. Unfortunately it is also contrary to what he calls “the Bible.”

“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.” Isaiah 20:21 (ESV).

“Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, ‘This is the way you should go,’ whether to the right or to the left.” Isaiah 20:21 (NLT).

Pastor Phillips, like most ministers doesn’t believe there is an infallible English Bible anywhere in the world. He believes they all contain some error. Unfortunately the ones he has chosen contain more error than say the New King James Version which has plenty of them. Here is an example:

“With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.” Hebrews 9:12 (NLT).

“he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12 (ESV).

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” Hebrews 9:12 from the Protestant King James Version.

The above reading from the NLT and the ESV contradicts a key Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. That is, that Jesus Christ entered the Most Holy Place on October 22, 1844 to begin his final ministration in the heavenly sanctuary as our High Priest. The NLT says he entered the Most Holy Place right after his crucifixion and the ESV says he entered “the holy places” which certainly doesn’t mean he entered a specific holy place but several of them. There is no contradiction of Seventh-day Adventist doctrine in the King James Version but maybe Pastor Phillips doesn’t know that.

Around 6:20 Dan mentions a “rock and roll church.” Around 11:09 Greg said only about 30% of Seventh-day Adventists were vegetarian. Nothing was mentioned about the role of the Spirit of Prophecy in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Abandoning the health message and a “rock and roll church” unfortunately is common among Seventh-day Adventists but is contrary to what they should have learned. In plain words, it’s apostasy and contrary to Seventh-day Adventist doctrine.

Around 23:16 Matt Whitman speaks about punting on the Trinity. Seventh-day Adventists don’t punt on the Trinity but the ESV and the NLT do. Look up 1 John 5:7 in those bibles and there is nothing about the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost being one.

Around 24:12 Matt Whitman remarks that, “What they were at the beginning doesn’t seem to me to be exactly where they’re at now.” A good observation Matt. Truer words were never spoken. It’s not a compliment but I understand you didn’t mean it in a bad way.

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