

The Bible Ark Bible Study Program

Introduction – The Epistle Dedicatory and the Letter to the Readers from the King James Bible

In the study today I will actually be reading to you from the King James Authorized Bible. I am going to read to you from two different sections of the introductory material for the King James. As I stated in yesterday's program, if you have a King James Bible in either printed form or in electronic form, it is unlikely that you have a version of the King James that includes the material that I will be reading to you today. However, if you go to my Website you will find PDF documents that you can download, as well as Web links that will take you to an on-line version.

I must tell you that I feel completely inadequate to be reading these messages to you. These messages were written by two great men of God, whose shoes I am unworthy to fill. I pray Lord God that you guide me and lead me as I read these messages aloud to those listening. In Jesus name, Amen!

I am so happy that I have read these messages. To me they are a great blessing. I can only hope that I can read them aloud to you in a way that you are able to see the beauty in them that I see. These letters may not be the inspired Word of God, as is the Bible text itself. However, they are powerful and Spirit-filled messages. Not only has God blessed my own soul with the value of each message, but He used both of them yesternight to very directly and definitely answer my fervent prayer and pouring out of my heart only an hour before I first read them.

It is simply astounding how God does that. I have never read these messages before in my life. In fact, I did not even have a copy of my own of either one of these messages, until the night before last. Oh! My dear friend, my heart was feeling very heavy over you. I was feeling very discouraged from all the pressures that I am under right now. Right now, the devil is doing everything he can to disrupt this Bible Study and my recovery efforts. It has been a very difficult road for the last few months, so it was that last night I cast my soul at my Lord's feet, and I prayed for direction and understanding. I prayed that your eyes would be opened and that you would see the truth.

Thus, God has spoken to my heart through these messages that I am about to read to you in a moment. I trust that God will also speak to your own heart my dear friend, as well as all those listening. God will speak to your heart, if you are willing to let your heart open to hear the truth of His word that has been so marvelously woven into these two messages. These two messages are packed full of Biblical truth.

Let me give a prayer now to get us started.

Heavenly father, thank you for the remarkable way that you have used so many myriads of your faithful servants in the past (and even now) to establish and preserve the Word of God. It is especially marvelous how you have sustained the integrity of your Word and the truth of your Word, despite all the shortcomings and faults of our tainted and corporeal laboring and administration. It is beautiful how you can take our dead works and turn them into such perfection through the blood of your son Jesus Christ and His amazing love for us. Bless us now Father with an understanding of your incredible Word, your prevailing hand in our fruitless toil, and your patient love and faithfulness towards us.

I thank you praise you for all the people that are praying on behalf of this program. Let the Holy Spirit be our guide and teacher, as we learn more about your wonderful book, the Bible.

We pray in Jesus's name. Amen!

Before I start reading these two passages, I think it would be best if I went through some of these uncommon and archaic words that we will be encountering.

Vocabulary

Archaic word forms:

There is an archaic form of spelling and pronunciation of words that we will encounter frequently when reading the King James Bible. Today, as I read from these passages, we will be running into the following words that end in "eth," which is the 3rd person present form of the root verb. In modern English we typically form these by simply adding the letter "s" to the end of the verb.:

Excelleth: Excels	Findeth: Finds	Setteth: Sets
Directeth: Directs	Devoureth: Devours	Casteth: Casts
Disposeth: Disposes	Striketh: Strikes	Meddleth: Meddles
Increaseth: Increases	Reigneth: Reigns	Remaineth: Remains
Taketh: Takes	Attempteth: Attempts	Stretcheth: Stretches
Doth: Do (archaic third person singular present of do)	&c: etc.	

Archaic terms:

Dread: regarded with awe; greatly revered.

Sion: the hill of Jerusalem on which the city of David was built; the citadel of ancient Jerusalem; Jerusalem; (in Christian thought) the heavenly city or kingdom of heaven.

Occidental *Star*: of, relating to, or situated in the Occident : Western Star. (I cannot be sure as to how the writer means for this term to be applied to Queen Elizabeth, but I can pretty much guarantee that this is not any kind of endearing reference to the Queen.)

Christendom: the worldwide body or society of Christians

Approbation: approval or praise.

Calumniation: the uttering of maliciously false statements, charges, or imputations about something or someone; slander.

"traduced by Popish Persons": to expose to shame or blame and individual or party by means of falsehood and misrepresentation by persons that are in favor of State Church being ruled by the Pope.

Cavil: to raise trivial and frivolous objection.

Synod: an ecclesiastical governing or advisory council: such as: a) an assembly of bishops in the Roman Catholic Church; b) the governing assembly of an Episcopal province. (I am fairly certain that in this case, the author is referring to the assemblies of bishops in the Church of England, which at that point in time were no longer under the influence of the Roman Catholic Church.)

Churchmaintenance: the governance of and the spiritual and care and nurturing by church leaders for the congregation of church members and those associated with the church (or local church).

Abrogating: repeal or do away with (a law, right, or formal agreement); evade (a responsibility or duty).

Forsooth: indeed (often used ironically or to express surprise or indignation).

Supputation: the act or process or an instance of calculating : COMPUTATION, RECKONING.

Obloquy: strong public criticism or verbal abuse: disgrace, especially that brought about by public abuse. (BTW – I pronounced this incorrectly in the program. I put the stress on the second “o,” which is incorrect. The stress should be on the first “O”, [ˈäbləkwē])

Epitomist: a writer of an epitome (a summary of a written work; a brief presentation or statement of something)

“cum bene facerent, male audire”: With them to do good, it is bad to hear.

Glouted: Frowned, scowled

Subjects:

Pupillus: a Latin grammarian of the 1st century BC.

Eusebius: a fourth century historian of Christianity, exegete, and Christian polemicist.

Constantine: Constantine the Great, fourth century Roman emperor.

Gergesites: a nation of people that are descendants of the Canaanites. (We will learn more about them when we get into the Gospel books.)

Esau: The eldest son of Isaac, brother of Jacob. (We will learn about Esau and the story of his birthright when we get into the Genesis.)

Nazianzene: Gregory of Nazianzus (aka Gregory the Theologian or Gregory Nazianzen) a 4th-century Archbishop and theologian of Constantinople.

St. Chrysostome: John Chrysostom an important Early Church Father who served as archbishop of Constantinople.

St. Augustine: Augustine of Hippo a theologian, philosopher, and the bishop of Hippo Regius in Numidia, Roman North Africa. His writings influenced the development of Western philosophy and Western Christianity, and he is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers of the Latin Church.

Reading of “The Epistle Dedicatory”

You can download this document from my [Website](#).

Partial Reading of the letter of “The Translators to the Readers”

You can download this document from my [Website](#).

I hope you can join us tomorrow as we begin reading some of the introductory material from the Scofield Study Bible.

Closing Remarks

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My hope and my prayer is that you will sit down with me with your Bible open and that you will read the Bible with me as I speak. Then go listen to the Thru the Bible broadcast. If you follow that method, you will grow in your understanding of the Word of God in ways you never dreamed possible.

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