

“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read...” – Isaiah 34:16

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## Introduction

For this first newsletter of 2020, I would like to start out with a very brief recap of the purpose of the King James Bible Study.

From the March 1, 2019 newsletter introduction...

This ... is intended to be a help for those who are of an open mind to the things (the words) of God, and a willing heart to seek out of God's book and read it. Note well, that though I used the term “open mind,” there is no such term in the book of the LORD. Instead, it is our eyes that need to be opened. Therefore, let us pray according to that which is written...

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. (Psalm 119:18)

The introductory study notes (“Understanding the Deep Things of God”) pointed out that understanding is a “heartset” and that...

...a good understanding have all they that do his commandments... (Psalm 111:10)

From the study's invitation letter (paraphrased a bit)...

This bible study's purpose is to seek understanding of the deep things of God, by comparing spiritual things with spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:10-13) ... if you at least have a willing heart and mind...

And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted... (Exodus 35:22)

(I so look forward to seeing each of you that come to the study – joining with me in having a desire for our eyes to be opened, that we may behold wondrous things out of the book of the LORD.)

A good understanding will develop in each of us as we both learn what his commandments are, and then do what we have learned: that we may...

...serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind... (1 Chronicles 28:9)

And if any of us feel as though we don't yet have a perfect heart (or that we may never get there), let's continue the thought from 1 Chronicles 28:9...

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. (2 Corinthians 8:12)

Let us keep these as principles in our minds and hearts.

## Science Snippet

1 Timothy 6:20

In our final King James Bible Study night of 2019, after a wonderful fellowship dinner, and trying out my “waffles” recipe (September 1, 2019 newsletter), we took a look into Carbon Dating. Carbon Dating is touted, by those who reject God and his word, as “proof” that God's historical account of creation is wrong. But to those not trapped in evolutionary ideology's illogical circular reasoning, the fallacy of Carbon Dating is easily seen. The fallacy of it lies in “assumption” and “extrapolation” – which are two things about which I regularly warn my engineer and scientist work colleagues (and management): do not assume that what is measured today represents what happened in the past; do not take the limited “data” that is known and extrapolate very far beyond its domain.

As for Carbon Dating in particular...

- do not assume that the relative amount of the radioactively decaying carbon (Carbon-14, or C14 for short) measured in the atmosphere today is representative of what it was “long ago”
- do not (based on that assumption) extrapolate backward tens of thousands of years from the mere <100 years' worth of actual data

...and then think that the “ages” or “dates” you compute on you calculator (or calculate on your computer) have any meaning whatsoever. They don't. The “Bad Science” (you can abbreviate that if you want) of Carbon Dating is referred to very plainly with the words in God's book:

1 Timothy 6:20 ...**profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called**...

The illogical circle of reasoning in which the Carbon Dating believers are trapped is like this...

1. assume that life existed on earth LONG before the historical account of creation given in God's book
2. extrapolate today's data backward to LONG before the historical account of creation given in God's book, based on assuming the relative amount of C14 was the same so “LONG” ago as what is measured in the atmosphere today

3. *measure* the relative amount of C14 in a fossil today (it will indeed be found to be much lower than in today's atmosphere)
4. *calculate* how long it *would take* for C14 measured in *today's* atmosphere to decay to what was measured in the fossil (the computed result will be much LONGER "ago" than the historical account of creation given in God's book)
5. *Claim* that this proves life existed LONG before the historical account of creation given in God's book

The *Step 4 calculation* is totally dependent upon the *Step 1 assumption* and *Step 2 extrapolation* – and thus it actually proves nothing. It is truly science falsely so called. In fact, ALL of evolutionary "science" is based on this very type of illogical circular reasoning. Note well one additional word that I left out of the prior partial citation of the verse in 1 Timothy, ...

1 Timothy 6:20 ...avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called...

To understand true science, it is crucial to avoid the illogical circular reasoning that results from the denial of recorded history and assuming unrecorded LONG ages. Rather than being history-deniers like the evolutionists and those who trust in Carbon Dating, we avoid the illogic "circle" by acknowledging and trusting the actual historical account given in God's book. From that *vantage* point we have an advantage: we (having true history) can rightly understand true science.

## Critics' Corner

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

In the beginning of the "science snippet" above, I emphasized the word "touted" so that I could use it later (i.e., here). Unbelievers in God's book "tout" many things as "proof" for their unbelief. Text critics (who are unbelievers in God's book) are no different from evolutionists and those who trust in Carbon Dating, in this regard. But, I wonder, what does God have to say concerning those who "tout" things contrary to God's written word... in their "pride and stoutness of heart" (Isaiah 9:9)...??? (Note well, that the word "tout" is found in the bible ONLY *within* the word "stout" (and stoutness, and stouthearted).

Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. (Malachi 3:13)

I will punish the fruit of the stout heart ... and the glory of his high looks. (Isaiah 10:12)

And...in the pride and stoutness of heart, (Isaiah 9:9)

Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: (Isaiah 46:12)

It would seem that a stout heart (Isaiah 9:9) is related to pride, which is expressed by high looks (Isaiah 10:12) ... leading to stout words (Malachi 3:13) against the LORD (and his word).

Many people have "come out from among them" (the evolutionists and those who trust in Carbon Dating) to become believers in God's word concerning creation around 6000 years ago and the flood less than 1700 years afterward (i.e., true history). But not many of those have also "come out from among them" ...(from among the text critics who trust in "original autographic texts" that they've never seen)... to become believers in the book of the LORD that God has given to the English-speaking world in these last days... the King James Bible.

## Numbers

It is interesting to notice that all forms of the word "stout" (stout, stoutness, stouthearted) occur exactly seven times (7x) in God's book. The number 7 has a strong relationship to perfection, completion, rest, holiness... so I wonder what can be understood from this "perfect" number of occurrences of "stout" in God's book? I wonder, considering how God's word equates stoutness with pride, if this can be a help to us in recognizing that it is humility/humbleness – a low look (the opposite of a high look of pride) – that will lead us toward perfection, completion, rest, holiness... first inwardly in our hearts, and then outwardly in our looks and words for (vs against) the LORD and his word?

Very interestingly: as I was considering God's word concerning a stout heart, and shut eyes; I found that God's word refers to stopped ears. Consider the location of the following verse, and the combination of the numbers 7 (related to perfection) and 11 (related to understanding)...

But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. (Zechariah 7:11)

We should read this entire chapter; and then, when we read elsewhere of all the evil that the LORD executed upon his people, we should keep Zechariah Chapter 7 always in view: for the LORD's judgment against his people was righteous, considering 7 things that his people "did" which are mentioned in that chapter...

1. executed false judgment
2. shewed not mercy and compassion to their brothers

3. oppressed the widow, fatherless, stranger, poor
4. imagined evil in their hearts against their brothers
5. refused to hearken, pulled away the shoulder,  
*stopped* their ears (regarding the widow ... poor)
6. made their hearts as an adamant stone (...)
7. would not hear the law and the words of the LORD.

## Quote to Note

For this edition of the newsletter, let's call it ...  
... "*Verse to Rehearse*" (keeping it poetic, LOL) ...

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold  
wondrous things out of thy law. (Psalm 119:18)

Let this be our prayer: that our eyes be opened (Psalm 119:18), our ears unstopped (Zechariah 7:11), and our hearts made soft (Job 23:16): that we may behold wondrous things out of the law of the LORD.

For if our heart is stout, hard "as an adamant stone" (Zechariah 7:12), then our ears will be stopped, and our eyes will be shut, and we would justly deserve "a great wrath from the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 7:12)...

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: (Matthew 15:19)

... which leads to things such as those listed above from Zechariah Chapter 7: false judgment, mercilessness, compassionlessness, oppression, evil imaginations, etc.

Let us...execute true judgment; shew mercy and compassion; help the widow & fatherless & stranger & poor; imagine good toward our brothers/sisters; hearken unto the "widows ... poor" (turn the shoulder toward them: hear them); make our hearts soft toward the LORD and thus toward them; hear the law and the words of the LORD pertaining to all of the above.

## Critics' Corner - extra

I wanted to share this thought, which was brought to mind by a recent conversation, and something I recently revisited relating to text critics' "questioning" of the KJB...

Question: Can someone find the way of salvation by reading a modern version?

Answer: It may be possible. There may be enough good King James Bible words to be found therein such that a person can find the way of salvation. BUT, there will be so much "catholic" mindedness therein (additions/diminishments, and works/sacraments-based-wordings) that the finding of the way of salvation will be difficult. For example:

Mark 10:24...

King James Bible: ...Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

ESV: ... Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

The good King James Bible words (the pure words of God) tell us that the issue is where one's trust is placed: it is hard for them that trust in riches... However, in the ESV, the words could easily imply "catholic" minded works-based salvation, making it difficult (for everyone, without qualification) to enter into the kingdom of God.

Here's an analogy that I read somewhere: One can find good restaurant food in a dumpster outside of the restaurant, and that good food from the dumpster, if found in time, may save a person on the brink of death from starvation. But then, once he is saved, if he continues eating from the dumpster ... it could be dangerous to his health, considering how much of the food in that dumpster may be ... corrupted.

Thought: Consider that it truly is only the incorruptible seed (God's word) by which a man can be born again:

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (1 Peter 1:23)

The incorruptible seed is the word of God, which is the book of the LORD, which for the English-speaking world in these last days is the King James Bible. It has not been corrupted by additions or diminishments. It is the pure word: the good seed.

Very notably, if I was to add a "**Numbers – extra**" section, I would share my finding that the word (term) "**good seed**" occurs exactly four times (4x) in the book of the LORD, which so beautifully and perfectly fits with the relationship of the number 4 to Jesus Christ the Word and his written word:

Matthew 13:

- 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed **good seed** in his field:
- 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow **good seed** in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the **good seed** is the Son of man;
- 38 The field is the world; the **good seed** are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

We are born again by the incorruptible seed, and thus we become the good seed (a new creature) because of the good seed – the incorruptible seed – that now abideth in us for ever.

But, if a born again person then feeds himself with words that come forth from bad seed – corruptible seed – from modern versions ... what would we expect that person to be able to (re)produce?

Back to the analogy... There is no need to scavenge for crumbs of good food from a dumpster when the restaurant is right there, with “OPEN” on the door.

## Recipe Share

O taste and see that the LORD is good (Psalms 34:8)

If I looked hard enough, I might be able to find a modern version that changes this verse to say

“Taste and see that the LORD is yummy”.

But don’t think for a minute... or for a second... or even for a “twinkling of an eye” (1 Corinthians 15:52)... that I would in any way shape or form endorse such a corruption of God’s word.

Anyway, the recipe share for this newsletter is one of my (and my daughter’s) main-course favorites. It is called ... .. you guessed it ... .. (or rather, you guessed the *first half* of it) ...

### **Yummy Burgers**

#### **Meat Patties (single recipe)**

- 1 pound lean Ground Chuck
- ½ cup Rolled Oats
- 1 Onion
- Salt & Pepper to taste (I go heavy on the pepper)
- Mix together with enough milk to make it sticky.
- Separate into patties and brown in a skillet.

#### **Sauce (up to double recipe)**

- 1 cup Ketchup
- ½ cup Water
- 3 tablespoons Sugar
- 1 tablespoon Vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce

This makes enough sauce for a double recipe of meat. For a triple meat recipe, double the sauce.

Put skillet-browned patties in roaster.  
Mix sauce & pour over meat patties.  
Bake 1 hour in 325° oven.  
After ½ hour, turn patties in the sauce.

**Yummy!!!**

## **Wrap-up**

It has been noted that the word “**meat**” in the KJB does not always refer to the kind of meat in the “Yummy Burgers” recipe. God uses “**meat**” to refer to food in general, and he does so for his purposes in his written word. One purpose might be so that we can relate to his use of the word “**meat**” to also refer to his written word. As a wrap-up, consider the following contrast, keeping in mind the **meat** of the word of God that is set before us at his **table**:

Regarding the text critics, God has this to say of their attitude toward the book of the LORD – the KJB ...

### **Malachi 1:12**

But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The **table** of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his **meat**, is contemptible.

In contrast, may we be like the queen of Sheba, pertaining to the **meat** of the LORD’s **table** (the KJB)... (Read 1 Kings 10:1-13 in its entirety, thinking of how this passage uses Solomon’s kingdom to give unto us a representation of the LORD’s kingdom.)

#### **1 Kings 10 (pertinent excerpts)**

- 1 ... she came to prove him with hard questions.
- 2 ... she communed with him of all that was in her heart.
- 3 ... there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.
- 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen ... the house that he had built,
- 5 And the **meat** of his **table**, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.
- 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.
- 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: ....
- 8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.
- 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God...
- 10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones...
- 13 And [the] king ... gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked...

The half has not been told of the goodness of the **meat** of the LORD’s **table** – the **words** in the King James Bible!