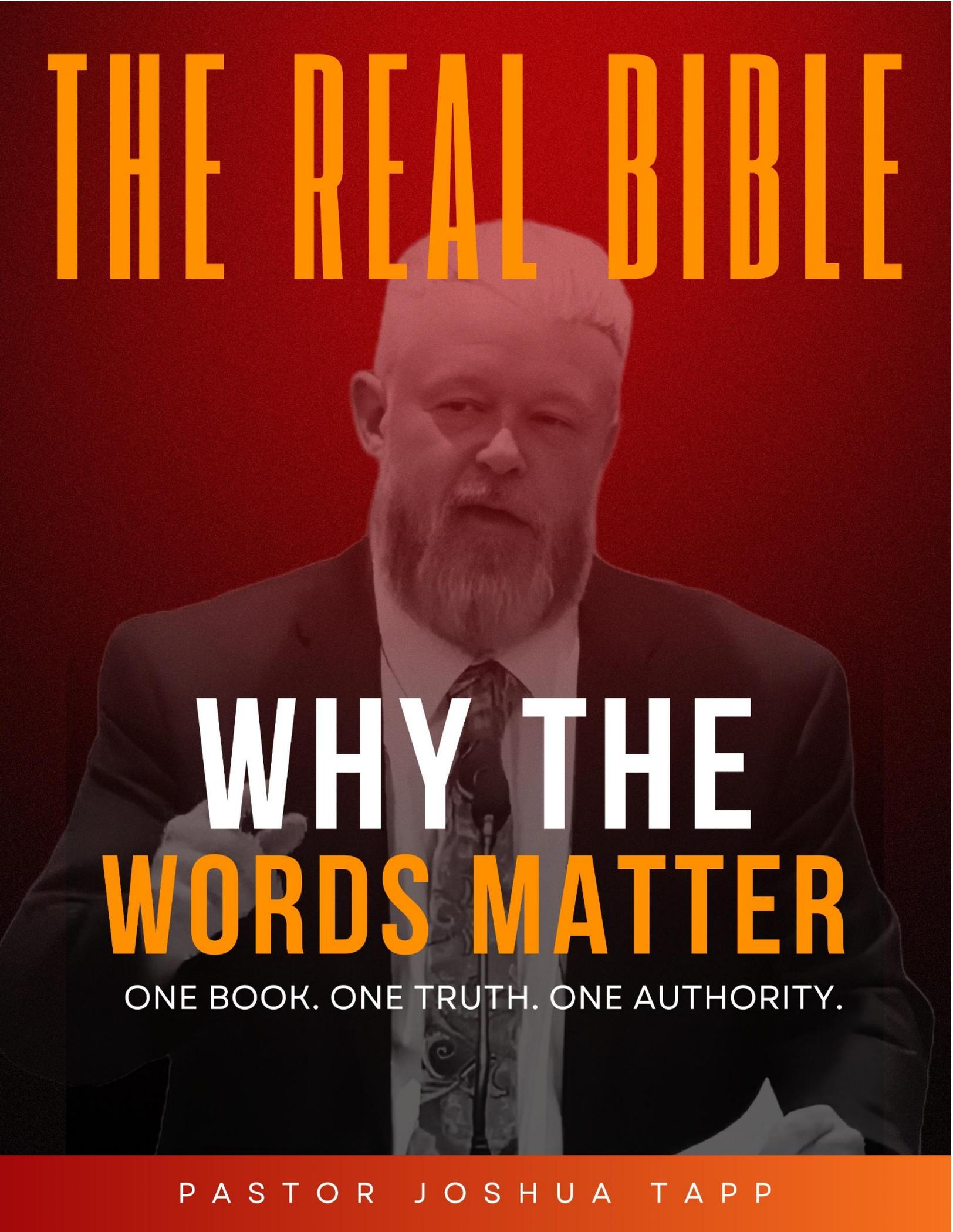


THE REAL BIBLE



WHY THE WORDS MATTER

ONE BOOK. ONE TRUTH. ONE AUTHORITY.

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INTRODUCTION — The Book They Don't Want You to Trust

There's a war on the Bible — not just outside the church, but inside it.

Most people today have a bookshelf full of “versions,” yet no certainty of what God actually said.

They're told the words don't matter, that all Bibles are the same, and that the old King James is outdated.

But that's a lie.

The Bible isn't a book — it's **The Book**.

And every word of it matters.

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

God promised to preserve His words — not just His thoughts — and He has.

If the words are corrupted, the message is corrupted.

If the message is corrupted, the Gospel is lost.

That's why we must return to the **Real Bible**.

CHAPTER 1 — The Promise of Preservation

The modern world says, “The Bible’s been changed too many times.” God says otherwise.

Psalm 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

The same God who spoke the universe into existence is capable of preserving His own book.

If God can save your soul forever, He can surely keep His words forever.

That’s why Jesus said:

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

The Real Bible didn’t evolve — it was preserved.

And that preserved Word in English is the **King James Bible**.

CHAPTER 2 — The Corruption of Modern Versions

Open a modern Bible, and verses disappear.

Key doctrines weaken.

The blood vanishes.

Colossians 1:14

*In whom we have redemption through his
blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

Now compare it to the NIV: “In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

No blood.

That’s not a translation choice — that’s a *doctrinal deletion*.

If you take away the blood, you take away the Gospel.

Hebrews 9:22

*And almost all things are by the law purged
with blood; and without shedding of blood is
no remission.*

Satan’s strategy hasn’t changed — In Genesis 3:1 he said, “Yea, hath God said?”

He still whispers the same doubt today: *“Does it really matter which Bible you use?”*

Yes, it does. Eternally.

CHAPTER 3 — The Power of Perfect Words

The King James Bible isn't just another translation.

It's the product of God's providence — preserved through time, purified through persecution, and proven through power.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

That same Spirit ensured those words survived uncorrupted.

The proof is in the fruit — the KJV built revivals, birthed nations, and saved millions of souls.

The words have power because they are **His** words.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

When you read it, it reads you.

When you hold it, you hold the voice of God in your hands.

CHAPTER 4 — The Counterfeits: Why They Exist

The devil doesn't destroy truth by attacking it head-on.

He counterfeits it.

He gives people a thousand "versions" so they never find **the** truth.

He floods the world with watered-down, reworded, rebranded Bibles that remove conviction and replace it with confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

When every version says something different, who decides what's right?

You do — and that's the goal.

To make man the final authority instead of God.

But there can't be multiple "final authorities."

There's only one.

CHAPTER 5 — The Real Bible: Believe It. Live It. Preach It.

You don't need to be a scholar to know which Bible is real.

You just need faith.

Romans 10:17

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing
by the word of God.*

The Word that brings faith can't be uncertain.

God's Word has one voice, one truth, and one foundation — not fifty.

The King James Bible is that foundation for the English-speaking world — pure, preserved, and perfect.

You can trust every word of it.

Don't settle for a Bible that doubts itself.

Read the one that declares itself.

Proverbs 30:5

*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto
them that put their trust in him.*

CHAPTER 6 — The Real Bible for Every Nation

A common question comes up when we talk about the King James Bible:

“What about people who can’t read English?”

“Doesn’t God care about them too?”

Of course He does. God’s Word has always reached every nation.

Psalm 68:11

*The Lord gave the word: great was the
company of those that published it.*

The King James Bible is **God’s perfect Word in English** — the final purified form for the language He used to carry the Gospel around the world.

But that doesn’t mean people in other nations are left without truth.

Faithful men have translated the Scriptures into their languages — not from modern corrupt versions, but from the same pure Hebrew and Greek texts (the Masoretic Text and Textus Receptus) that stand behind the King James Bible.

God’s Pattern of Preservation

God’s Word has always existed in one perfect form for the people who use it — and He raises up faithful translators to carry it to others.

The Old Testament was given in Hebrew.

The New Testament was given in Greek.

But when the Gospel began to spread, believers translated it word-for-word into other tongues, carefully guarding the meaning God gave.

That same pattern continues today.

Wherever believers use honest, literal translations that come from the same preserved line of Scripture as the KJV — they have God’s Word in their language.

The Danger of Corrupt Sources

The problem is that most modern Bibles in every language come from the **same corrupted Alexandrian manuscripts** that produced the NIV, ESV, NASB, and others.

Those texts remove verses, weaken doctrine, and attack the deity of Christ.

So the issue isn’t whether God’s Word can be translated — it’s **what it’s translated from**.

If it’s translated from the pure line of Scripture preserved through the King James Bible, it carries truth.

If it’s translated from the corrupted modern line, it carries confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

What Should People Read?

In English — the answer is clear: the King James Bible.

In other languages — believers should seek translations that follow the same faithful manuscripts and uphold the same doctrines found in the KJV.

That's why missionaries and Bible-believing churches around the world work to produce and distribute pure translations, not modern counterfeits.

God promised His Word would go into all the earth:

Psalm 19:4

*Their line is gone out through all the earth, and
their words to the end of the world.*

The Real Bible has reached every corner of the globe — sometimes in English, sometimes through faithful translation — but always through the same preserved words.

The Bottom Line

No matter the language, **the standard remains the same.**

God's Word is one, not many.

And the English King James Bible is the preserved masterpiece that set that standard for the world.

Wherever its words are faithfully carried and translated, truth lives on.

CHAPTER 7 — How Modern Versions Differ from the KJV

Christians often ask, “*Why do the newer Bibles read so differently from the King James?*”

The answer isn’t only that verses are omitted; it’s also that the **translation method and manuscript base** changed.

Understanding those differences shows why words truly matter.

1. The Blood in Colossians 1:14

KJV – “In whom we have redemption **through his blood**, even the forgiveness of sins.”

NIV / ESV – “In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Most modern editors followed Greek manuscripts that leave out the phrase “through his blood.”

KJV believers regard this as serious because the blood is the very price of redemption.

Hebrews 9:22

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

2. 1 Timothy 3:16 — Identifying Christ

KJV – “**God** was manifest in the flesh.”

ESV / NIV – “**He** was manifested in the flesh.”

Some ancient copies read “He” instead of “God.”

The KJV affirms the doctrine clearly: **Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.**

3. Hell or Hades

KJV – uses **hell** throughout.

Modern versions – often use **Hades** or **Sheol**.

The KJV gives one plain English word that warns unmistakably; newer Bibles choose transliterations that sound distant and academic, softening the sense of judgment.

4. Acts 8:37 – Confession Before Baptism

KJV – includes the eunuch’s confession:

“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

Many modern editions relegate the verse to a footnote because some manuscripts omit it.

Either way, a clear statement of faith is lost from the text.

5. Luke 2:33 – Joseph and the Virgin Birth

KJV – “Joseph and his mother.”

NIV / ESV – “The child’s father and mother.”

Since Joseph was Christ’s guardian, not His biological father, the KJV preserves the miracle of the virgin birth more plainly.

6. Philippians 2:6 – Christ’s Equality with God

KJV – “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”

NIV / ESV – “...did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage.”

The modern phrasing turns a declaration of deity into a moral example.

The KJV maintains the clear truth: Christ *is* equal with the Father.

7. Micah 5:2 — Christ’s Eternality

KJV – “...whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

NIV / ESV – “...whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Jesus has no *origins*—He is eternal.

The change shifts the verse from eternal existence to a beginning in time.

8. 2 Samuel 21:19 — Who Killed Goliath

KJV – “...Elhanan ... slew **the brother of Goliath** the Gittite.”

NIV / ESV – “...Elhanan ... killed **Goliath** the Gittite.”

That directly contradicts 1 Samuel 17, where David killed Goliath.

The KJV’s wording resolves the issue and stays consistent.

9. Mark 1:2 — The Prophets or Isaiah

KJV – “As it is written in **the prophets** ...”

Modern Versions – “As it is written in **Isaiah the prophet** ...”

The first quotation is from *Malachi 3 : 1*, not Isaiah.

The KJV avoids an error by saying “the prophets.”

10. Luke 2:22 — Purification

KJV – “...the days of **her** purification...”

NIV / ESV – “...the time for **their** purification...”

Leviticus 12 shows purification applied to the mother alone.

Changing *her* to *their* implies Jesus required cleansing—something Scripture never teaches.

11. Textual and Philosophical Causes

1. Textual Line:

- KJV = Masoretic Text (OT) + Textus Receptus (NT)
- Modern Versions = Critical Text compiled from Alexandrian manuscripts (Sinaiticus, Vaticanus)

2. Translation Method:

- KJV = formal equivalence (word-for-word)
- Modern = dynamic equivalence (thought-for-thought)

The first guards wording; the second emphasizes readability—sometimes at the cost of precision.

12. Why These Differences Matter

Each change—whether omission or paraphrase—nudges doctrine:

- Weakens Christ's deity.
- Softens the warning of hell.
- Reduces the necessity of the blood.
- Creates uncertainty about which words God actually spoke.

2 Corinthians 2:17

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

13. Holding Fast to the Real Bible

God's Word must never compete with human opinion.

The King James Bible has stood unchanged for four centuries—its language stable, its doctrine whole, its message powerful.

Proverbs 30:5

*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto
them that put their trust in him.*

For the English-speaking world, it remains the settled standard—the Bible that built revivals, formed nations, and still saves souls.

Others may prefer modern renderings, but if you want the certainty of every word, the King James Bible is the Book you can hold with confidence.

CONCLUSION — The Real Bible In One Sentence

The King James Bible is the preserved, perfect Word of God — pure in every word, powerful in every truth, and the only final authority for faith and life.

The Real Bible doesn't need man's approval — it carries God's authority.

It doesn't change with the times — it changes lives.

Every generation that's tried to replace it has lost the power it carried.

Psalm 119:89

*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in
heaven.*

When you hold the King James Bible, you're not reading man's opinion — you're reading God's voice.

Every promise, every warning, every word has stood untouched through centuries of attack.

It doesn't bend to modern culture, translation committees, or church trends.

It stands alone — pure, unshaken, and alive.

That's why it offends. That's why it convicts.

And that's why it still saves.

So don't trade the Sword of the Spirit for a dull imitation.

Don't doubt the words God preserved for you.

Believe them. Memorize them. Preach them.

Because the same Word that spoke light into darkness still speaks power into hearts today.

THE REAL BIBLE IN FOUR WORDS

Pure.

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Powerful.

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From left to right: Taylor Tapp, Emma Tapp, Joshua Tapp, Pamela Tapp, Abigail Tapp, Callie Tapp.

Pastor Joshua Tapp saw his wife, Pamela, for the first time in early August of 1996. They have been together since August 14, 1996. They were both 16 years old at the time. They had their first child, Callie, in 2008. Taylor was born in 2011. Emma in 2016. And Abigail in 2021. We thank God for all that He gives us. We love you God. We thank you for all things.