

The KJB Quiz for Critics and Seven Bible Study Principles

Introduction

2020 Update: What follows is an expanded summary study based on a set of 17 Bible questions that the writers compiled some years ago, aimed especially at Bible critics but of relevance *“for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name”* Malachi 3:16, any and all. Consideration of those questions has prompted identification of seven Bible study principles, in turn applied as an example to Psalm 138:2 *“I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name,”* a key scripture that addresses *“the words of the LORD”* Exodus 4:28, 24:3, 4, Numbers 11:24, Joshua 3:9, 24:27, 1 Samuel 8:10, 15:1, 2 Chronicles 11:4, 29:15, Psalm 12:6, Jeremiah 36:4, 6, 8, 11, 37:2, 43:1, Amos 8:11, 18 references plus Acts 20:35 *“the words of the Lord Jesus.”* The study now follows.

Whether they are ‘Originals-onlyists,’ TR/Masoretic/NKJV advocates, Nestle-Aland/NIV supporters or simply ‘I-use-the-KJV-but-don’t-really-believe-it’ professors, all KJB critics have one thing in common.

They unite in perfect ecumenical oneness to declare that the KJB has errors in it and therefore isn’t the pure word of God, given by inspiration of God, 2 Timothy 3:16, kept pure by the preservation of God, as proved by Psalm 12:6-7 *“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever”* and finally authoritative in all matters of faith and practice, as *“the word of a king”* Ecclesiastes 8:4.

The following quiz is therefore designed to elucidate the reasoning behind this entrenched anti-KJB ecumenicity, especially for the benefit of us allegedly simple-minded KJB believers.

We humbly and respectfully invite you KJB critics to give it your best shot.

Our position is of course simple in the extreme and was expressed succinctly in 1880¹ by Thomas DeWitt Talmage, 1832-1902, Dutch Reformed pastor of congregations in New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC.

Now let us divide off...Let those people who do not believe the Bible and who are critical of this and that part of it, go clear over to the other side. Let them stand behind the devil’s guns...Give us the out-and-out opposition of infidelity rather than the work of these hybrid theologians, these mongrel ecclesiastics, these half-evoluted people who BELIEVE the Bible and do NOT believe it. I TAKE UP THE KING JAMES TRANSLATION; I CONSIDER IT TO BE A PERFECT BIBLE.

Simple, really.

“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple” Psalm 119:130.

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The Quiz

The Form of God’s Word

1. Do you believe that God’s perfect word exists today between two covers?
2. If yes, do you have a copy?
3. If yes, where could anyone else get a copy?

The ‘Alternative’ Form(s) of God’s Word

4. If no, why has an all-wise, all-powerful God not thus preserved His word?
5. If no, what would you describe as God’s word for today?

6. If no, how would you impart God's word for today to:
 - a) A non-believer?
 - b) A new believer?
 - c) A believer on the mission field, where God's word may be in short supply?

The 'Sources' of God's Word

7. If you believe in consulting 'the original languages' for God's word, why?
8. Of the following, which do you consult for 'the original languages' and why:
 - a) The Masoretic or other Hebrew text, i.e. which edition(s)?
 - b) The Critical Greek text, e.g. of Nestle-Aland, i.e. which edition(s)?
 - c) The Received Greek text, e.g. of Erasmus etc., i.e. which edition(s)?
 - d) The Majority Greek text, e.g. of Farstad-Hodges etc., which edition(s)?
9. How would you justify this consultation to those in Q6 a), b), c)?

The Fruits of God's Word

10. The KJB has achieved much revival and soul-winning worldwide. Why?
11. What are the equivalent results of anything else you call 'God's word'?
12. From your answers to Qs10, 11, why do you think this is so?
13. Following widespread rejection of the KJB, is Britain more godly or less?
14. If less, how is what you call 'God's word' arresting and reversing this trend?

The 'Errors' of God's Word

15. The KJB is said to have caused confusion. Whom did it confuse and why?
16. If you believe the KJB has errors, who taught you this and how?
17. Some folk believe the KJB is perfect. Did God or the Devil teach them that?
Please explain your answer to Q17.

The writers' answers to Qs1-17 in principle may be found here².

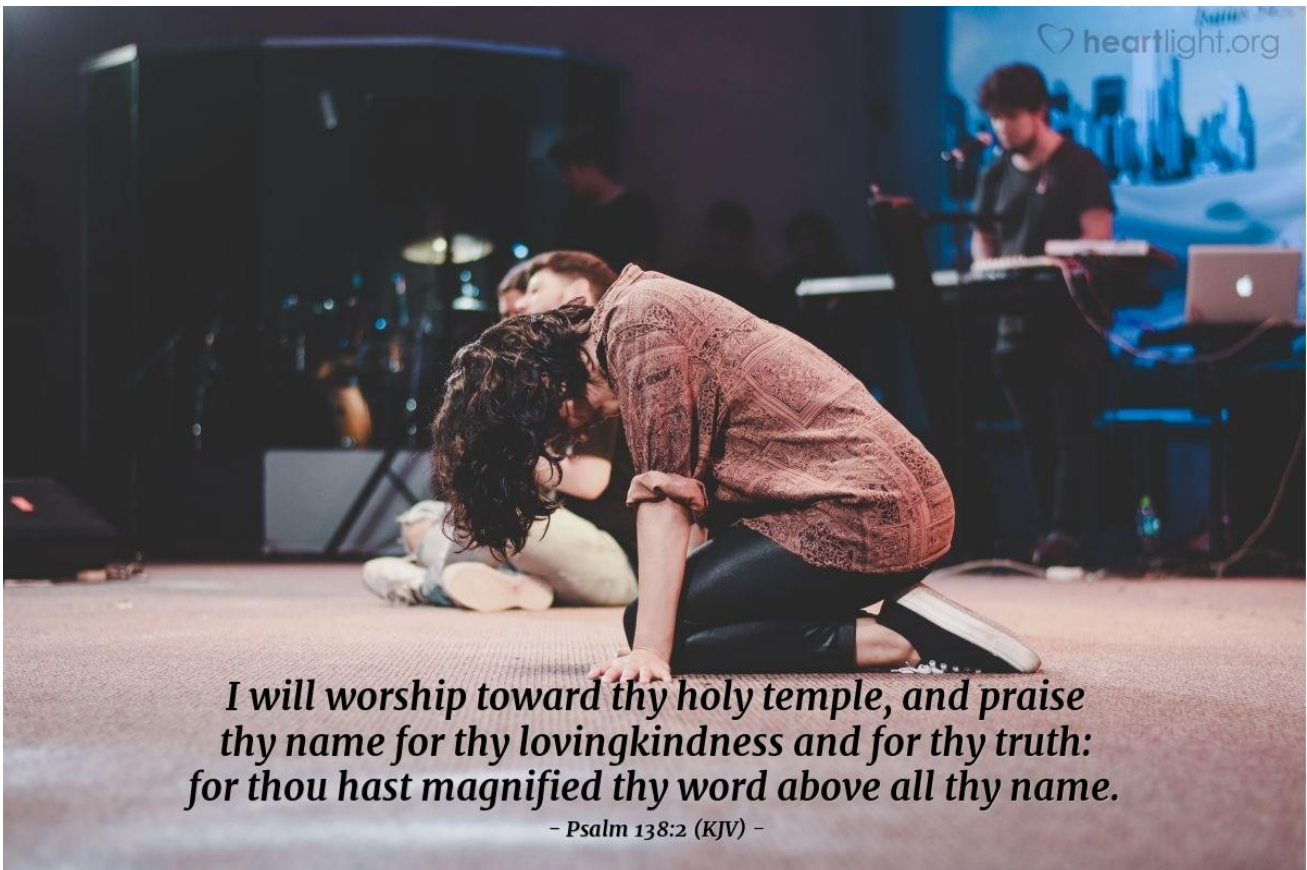
Seven Bible Study Principles

Application of the following principles should enable the individual to fulfil with respect to any passage of scripture Nehemiah 8:8 ***"So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading."*** Interestingly, the principles number 7³:

1. Make sure that you have ***"the scripture of truth"*** Daniel 10:21 as identified by a king, namely King Solomon. ***"Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?"*** Ecclesiastes 8:4.
2. Separate from doubt with respect to ***"the scripture of truth"*** Daniel 10:21 as James exhorts. ***"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways"*** James 1:5-8.
3. Cry for understanding following from point 2 according to Proverbs 2:3, 5-6 ***"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding...Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."***

4. Bring to bear ***“all the counsel of God”*** Acts 20:27 upon the scripture(s) under study *sufficiently* to bring forth, singly or in sequence selectively or wholly, historically, devotionally/practically, doctrinally/prophetically ***“all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue”*** 2 Peter 1:3.
5. Compare the scripture(s) under study with the scripture(s) identified by application of point 4 in order to help explain the scripture(s) under study according to 1 Corinthians 2:13 ***“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”***
6. Ensure correct application of the scripture(s) under study by obedience to 2 Timothy 2:15 ***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”***
7. Ensure the consistent outworking of ***“all things that pertain unto life and godliness”*** 2 Peter 1:3 from the scripture(s) under study by obedience to James 1:22, 25 ***“be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves...But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”***

Those principles are now selectively applied devotionally/practically to the scripture⁴ below as an example according to 1 Timothy 4:12 ***“be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”*** Points 1-3 are taken as applied. Application of points 4-7 follows.



Point 4 ***“all the counsel of God”*** Acts 20:27

Psalm 138:2 consists of 3 clauses:

“I will worship toward thy holy temple”

David is here remote from the temple but seeks to maintain worship. A companion scripture in that respect is Daniel 6:10 ***“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.”***

“and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth”

David has sound reasons for maintaining worship. A companion scripture in that respect is Psalm 117:2 ***“For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.”***

“for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name”

David upholds ***“thy word”*** as preeminent, being the perfect *written* revelation of ***“thy truth”*** according to Ecclesiastes 12:10 ***“The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.”*** A companion scripture in that respect is John 17:17 ***“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”***

Point 5 ***“comparing spiritual things with spiritual”*** 1 Corinthians 2:13

Comparison of Psalm 138:2 and Daniel 6:10 emphasizes that:

Adverse circumstances and even enemy opposition should never be hindrances to worship for ***“they that worship him...in spirit and in truth”*** John 4:24 as exemplified by Paul and Silas. ***“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them”*** Acts 16:25.

Comparison of Psalm 138:2 and Psalm 117:2 emphasizes that:

“the LORD...is worthy to be praised” 2 Samuel 22:4, Psalm 18:3 because the greatness of His mercy ensures that ***“weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning”*** Psalm 30:5 and because ***“Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever”*** Psalm 119:160 whereas by contrast ***“the world passeth away, and the lust thereof”*** 1 John 2:17.

Comparison of Psalm 138:2 and John 17:17 emphasizes that:

Concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, though ***“God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name”*** Philippians 2:9, even the Lord Jesus Christ would not set Himself on a par with ***“thy word”*** to save His life, as He Himself testified. ***“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”*** Matthew 26:53-54. Note further that the preeminent magnification and sanctification inherent in ***“thy truth...thy word...even words of truth”*** Psalm 138:2, John 17:17, Ecclesiastes 12:10 forever differentiates the KJ believer from KJ disbelievers whether saved or lost because only the KJB declares that ***“ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light”*** 1 Peter 2:9.

Point 6 ***“rightly dividing the word of truth”*** 2 Timothy 2:15

A particular point must be made *selectively* with respect to the *scriptural* definitions of and the *right division* between the words ***“word”*** small w and ***“Word”*** capital W. The two terms are *not* the same and to teach otherwise is *a fundamental error*. Errors of that magnitude inevitably arise through failure, inadvertent or otherwise, with respect to ***“rightly dividing the word of truth”*** 2 Timothy 2:15. That is why, for example, preachers⁵ typically cannot rightly divide scriptures such as Matthew 24:13, Mark 13:13, Romans 2:3-10, Hebrews 3:6, 14, Revelation 14:9-12 that *don't* teach eternal security from scriptures such as Romans 8:31-39, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Galatians 3:26, Ephesians 5:30,

Colossians 3:3-4, 1 John 5:11-13 that *do*. The saints cannot then be **“nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine”** 1 Timothy 4:16.

The scripture defines the term **“word”** as in **“thy word”** Psalm 138:2, John 17:17 as **“the words of the LORD”** Exodus 4:28, 24:3, 4, Numbers 11:24, Joshua 3:9, 24:27, 1 Samuel 8:10, 15:1, 2 Chronicles 11:4, 29:15, Psalm 12:6, Jeremiah 36:4, 6, 8, 11, 37:2, 43:1, Amos 8:11, 18 references plus Acts 20:35 **“the words of the Lord Jesus”** in their entirety according to Jeremiah 15:16 **“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.”**

See point 1 with respect to **“the words of the LORD”** in their entirety and **Conclusion** Ezekiel 12:28.

The scripture defines the term **“Word”** found exclusively in the expression **“the Word”** John 1:1, 14, 1 John 1:1, 5:7, Revelation 19:13 by inspection as the Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Godhead **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one”** 1 John 5:7.

It follows that the terms **“word”** and **“Word”** are *not* the same and to teach otherwise is heresy. Those perceived as **“ministers of the word”** Luke 1:2 and **“able ministers of the new testament”** 2 Corinthians 3:6 please take careful note.

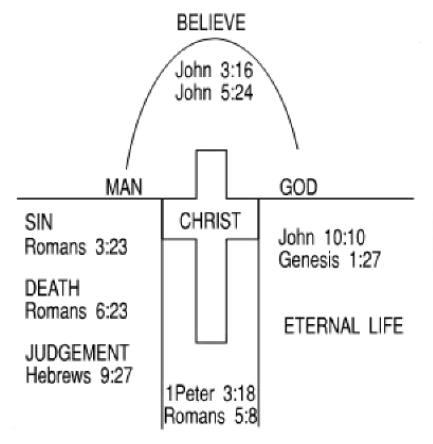
Point 7 **“be ye doers of the word”** James 1:22

Point 7 is undoubtedly the most daunting Bible study principle of all. This writer is therefore of the view that the most fitting way to conclude this study on Psalm 138:2, noting King David’s transparent testimony, is to present what all those among **“a peculiar people”** 1 Peter 2:9 should be ready and willing to wield at any time according to 1 Peter 3:15 **“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”**:

My Testimony – Alan O’Reilly

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I grew up in Sydney, Australia in a good home but I did not come to know the Lord Jesus Christ personally until July 19th 1967 through the ministry of The Navigators⁶. I was at the time in my final year at university studying Chemical Engineering. The Navigators made use of their Bridge Illustration⁷ to present **the gospel of Christ** Romans 1v16 to me. The Bridge is really summarised by 1 Peter 3v18 **For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.** See the graphics that show The Bridge in principle and in action **For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries** 1 Corinthians 16:9.



I was drawn to receive the Lord Jesus Christ by means of two more scriptures, John 1v12 **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name** and John 6v37 **All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.** I got assurance of salvation through 1 John 5v13 **These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.** John added that last clause for unbelievers because **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved** Acts 4v12 i.e. scratch Marx, Mary and Mohammed. Therefore if you haven’t received the Lord Jesus Christ then do so right away because **behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation** 2 Corinthians 6v2. If you have

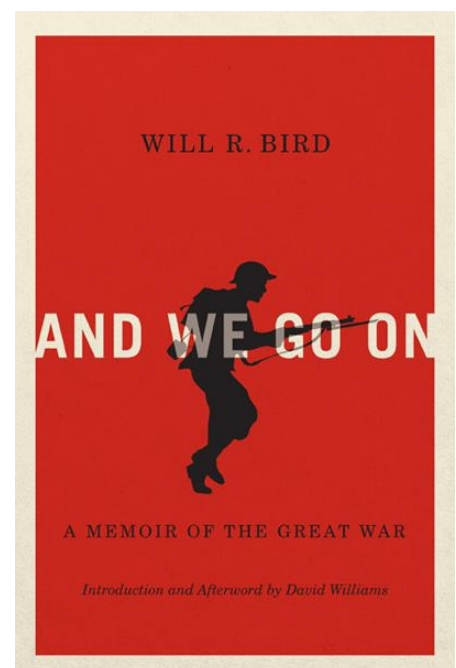
received the Lord Jesus Christ then make sure you have assurance of salvation and then do what He says according to Matthew 21v6 **And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them.** You haven't got anything else to do in the next 24 hours.

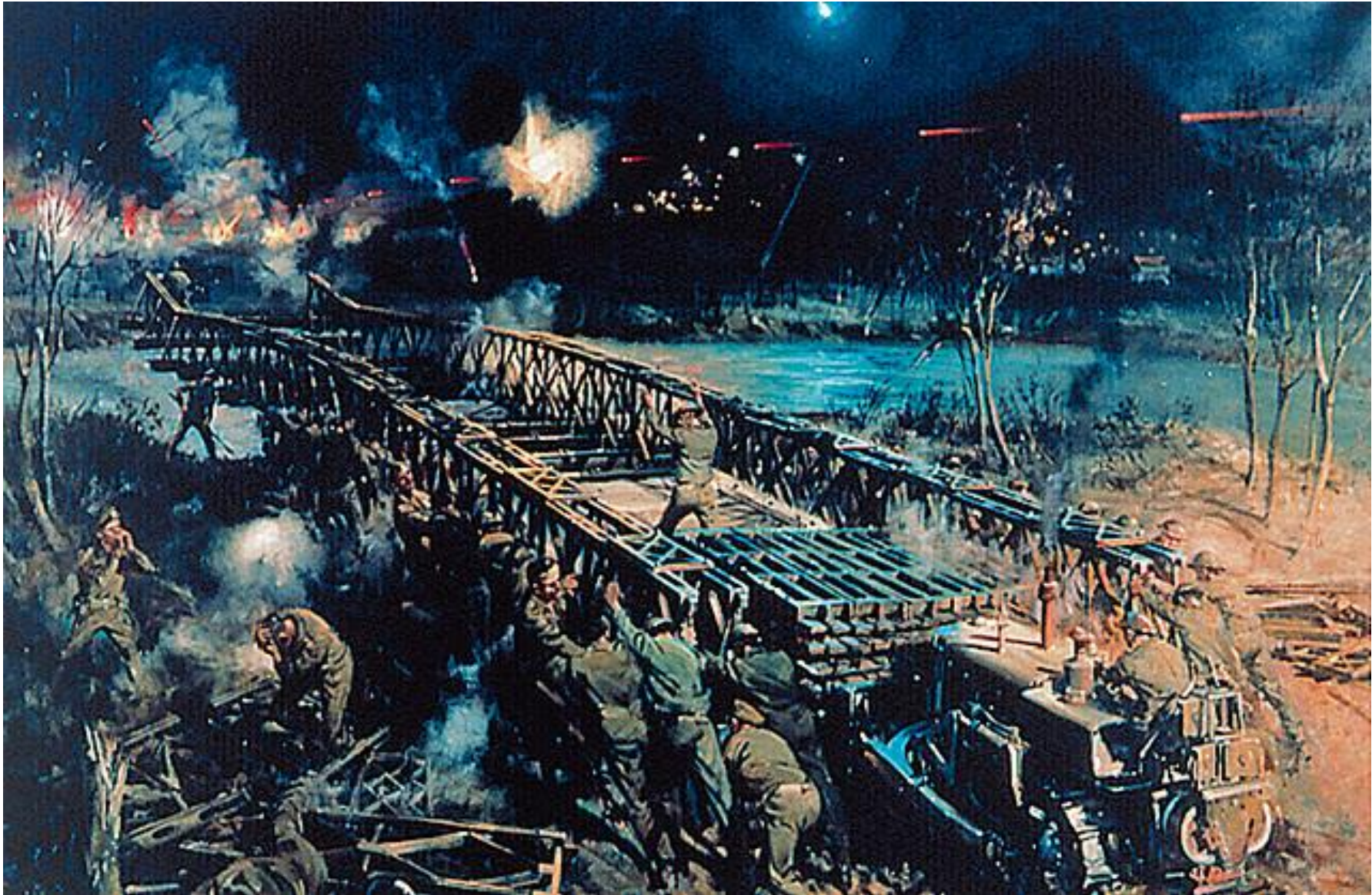
Although I became a Christian through the Navigator ministry, I did not come to believe the Authorised King James 1611 Holy Bible as the pure, perfect word of God until 17 years later in December 1984. That revelation came through the ministry of Chick Publications⁸. From those books I learned of Dr. Ruckman's⁹ material and I've greatly benefitted from his works ever since, likewise the groundbreaking work of Gail Riplinger¹⁰. Those works make plain that it is of central importance for the believer to have Final Authority for what God said and where God's words are. It took millennia for God to perfect it, the task not being finalised until Dr Benjamin Blayney's AV1611 Edition of 1769¹¹ but Final Authority is and always will be the 1611 Authorised English Holy Bible **the book of the LORD** Isaiah 34v16 **the scripture of truth** Daniel 10v21 **the royal law** James 2v8 and **All scripture that is given by inspiration of God** 2 Timothy 3v16 and no other book is. Therefore receive that Book according to 1 Kings 8v61 **Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day** and never fall into the sin of 'originals-onlyism' that is endemic in **the body of Christ** Romans 7v4, 1 Corinthians 10v16, 12v27, Ephesians 4v12 today, is from **a spirit of an unclean devil** Luke 4v33 and after the manner of its mentor in Isaiah 14v14 **I will be like the most High.** The modern versions are all *his* versions.

Note that it is through the Book that **the works of the flesh** Galatians 5v19, **the wiles of the devil** Ephesians 6v11 and the wickedness of this world, 1 John 5v19 are best resisted according to Psalm 119v9, 11 **Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word...Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.** That means scripture memorisation. I strongly recommend The Navigators' method¹² which I've used for over 50 years. The Lord Jesus Christ said **If a man love me, he will keep my words** John 14v23. Therefore if you are not memorising scripture you don't love the Lord Jesus Christ no matter what you profess *according to the Lord Jesus Christ*. It should be noted further that scripture memorisation is germane to a joyful, *useful* Christian walk. **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success** Joshua 1v8. **Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts** Jeremiah 15v16.

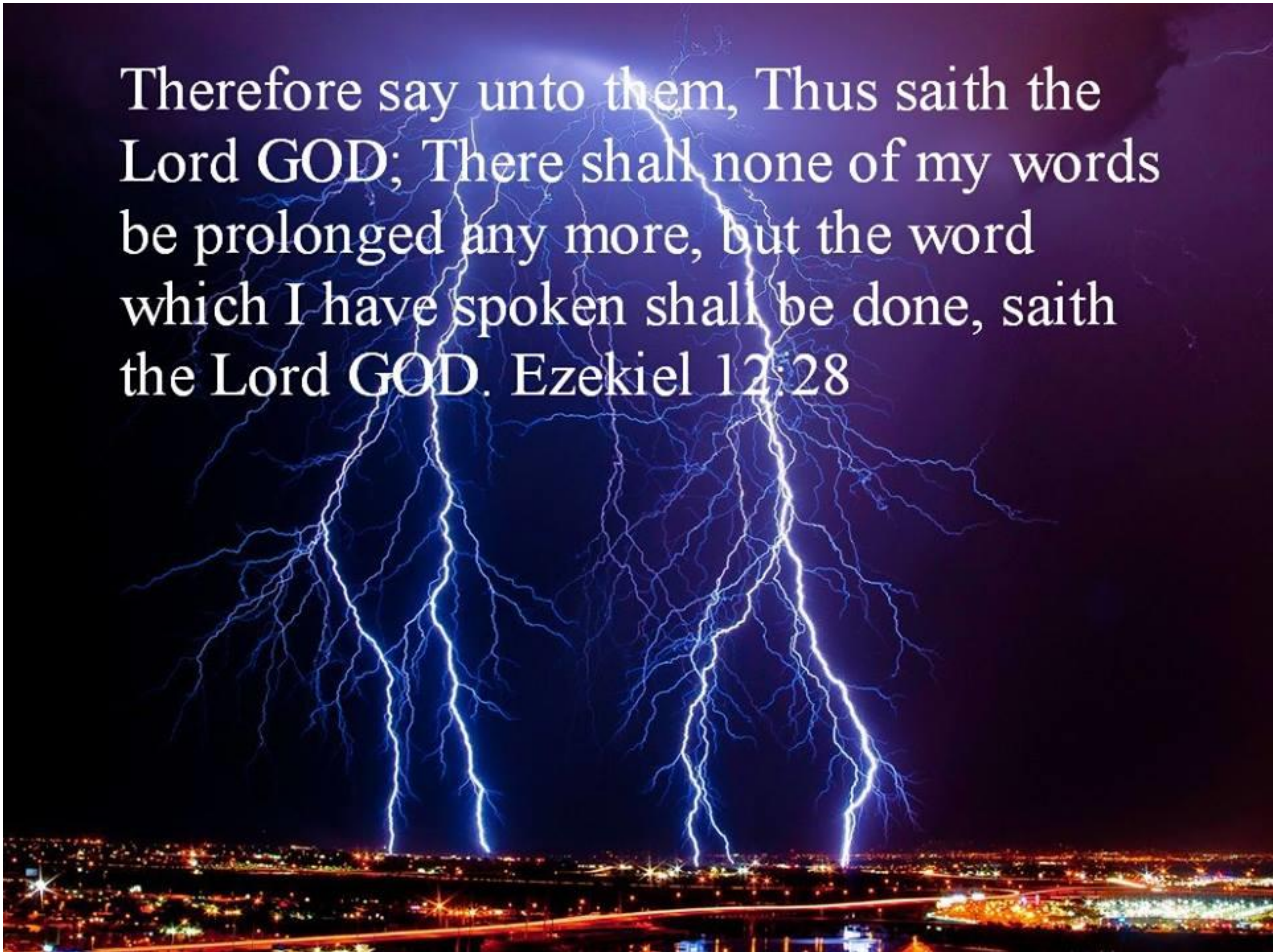
In 1978 I was sent to England by the company I worked for in Australia to work in their parent company in Northeast England. A year or so later Gill and I met through The Navigators ministry in Birmingham and we got married in August 1980. I had by then become a lecturer at the local university. We now have two sons, each married, who are going on with the Lord and are both King James Bible believers.

So we continue to believe **the book of the LORD** Isaiah 34v16 whereby **thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name** Psalm 138v2 and to **Occupy till I come** Luke 19v13, especially insofar as that coming will be a release from **every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us** Hebrews 12v1 into the long-awaited deliverance **from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God** Romans 8v21. Therefore **Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh** James 5v8¹³.





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