

Bible Changes in Modern Translations

1. Removed Verses

Many modern Bible translations have removed entire verses. These verses are present in the King James Version (KJV) but missing or bracketed in modern versions like the NIV, ESV, and NLT.

Examples of Removed Verses:

- Matthew 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
- Matthew 18:11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
- Mark 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.
- Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest...

2. Changed Words That Alter Meaning

Modern translations often substitute words that drastically change meaning or doctrine.

Examples:

- KJV: Study to shew thyself approved... (2 Timothy 2:15)
Modern: Do your best... removes emphasis on studying scripture.
- KJV: Godhead (Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20, Colossians 2:9)
Modern: Divine being or Deity removes specificity of the Trinity.
- KJV: Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12)
Modern: Morning Star same title as Jesus in Revelation 22:16.

3. Missing Blood of Christ

Several verses that emphasize the blood of Christ are altered.

Example:

- KJV (Colossians 1:14): In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
NIV/ESV: In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The blood is removed.

4. Downplaying Christ's Deity

Modern versions sometimes remove titles or phrases that affirm Jesus Christ as God.

Examples:

- KJV (1 Timothy 3:16): God was manifest in the flesh...

NIV: He appeared in the flesh... omits God.

- KJV (John 3:16): begotten Son

Modern: often just one and only Son removes the theological term begotten.

5. Notes and Footnotes Sowing Doubt

Many modern Bibles include footnotes questioning the authenticity of entire passages.

Examples:

- Mark 16:9-20 Some of the earliest manuscripts do not include these verses.

- John 7:53-8:12 The woman caught in adultery often bracketed or footnoted as doubtful.

Final Thoughts

The King James Bible stands apart in consistency, manuscript integrity, and reverence for the inspired words of God. Modern translations often rely on corrupted manuscripts and introduce confusion, doubt, and subtle doctrinal shifts. Read with discernment. Compare every version to the unshaken standard of the KJV.