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Which Translation of the Holy Bible is Best?

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With all the great books available to man today, a large portion of the world would acknowledge with little uncertainty that the Holy Bible is the greatest. Never has any other book been so loved, hated, tested, proven, cherished and abused. Most every home in the world has at least one copy, and most reading this have multiple copies as well as translations.

Often, one will ask, "What is the best translation?" Some preachers will go into great detail as to which translation is best, giving reference to Greek manuscripts and councils involved in the translating as well as the wisdom of other Bible scholars they may know and trust.

We all may have a favorite that we enjoy reading and studying. For me, it would have to be the King James Version - also called the Authorized Version of 1611. I love the language and it helps me to study those words less familiar to our day. My first Bible was the New King James, and I equally enjoy that translation. What is your favorite? Though there are some very modern translations that have ill intentions of perverting God's precious Word, most translations serve as good foundations for those who are curious and interested in learning God's will. A wise man once told a wise man who in turn told a wise who then told me perhaps the greatest answer to the question "*What translation of the Bible is the best?*" The answer to this question is simple, "*The one that they will read!*"

Certainly, there are translations that are clearly closer to the original languages than others and it is very important that we study God's Word to the best of our ability from texts that have stood the test of time and scrutiny. Many books that claim to be the Holy Bible are little more than poor commentaries and paraphrases at best. Even so, when there is a desire to investigate God's Word, it makes no difference to this writer which translation one may choose to read as long as they will read it. Any discrepancies or misunderstandings that will arise in further study can be corrected or taught to those who desire to know.

So read your Bible and encourage others to read theirs as well. Let us all commit ourselves to study God's Word, that we might stand approved before Him and save our soul (2 Tim. 2:15; Jas. 1:21).