

Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study* Guide for the First Quarter of 2026

I received this issue of the Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) in the mail on 12/26/25 which is quite a bit later in the preceding quarter than usual. The title is “Uniting Heaven and Earth Christ in Philippians and Colossians.” This review will be for the entire SSBSG for the first quarter of 2026.

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For some reason, the authors of this SSBSG felt the need to use sixteen or seventeen different “the Bible” for this SSBSG. There is a bit of confusion since the AMP and AMPC designations are used and allegedly apply only to the Amplified Bible. AMPC should stand for Amplified Bible Classic Edition.

I don’t think I’ve ever seen this many different “the Bible” used in a prior SSBSG. What’s the reason? Do the two authors believe all bibles are the same or that they all have mistakes? Are they trying to advertise certain bibles? All of the bibles are advertised in capitalized italics except one, the King James Version (KJV). You might think that’s because under copyright law it’s in the public domain and can be quoted at will without giving any credit. That can’t be true since the Geneva Bible is also in the public domain and that one is advertised in capitalized italics like the others. Methinks the princes of our church detest the KJV and don’t wish to advertise it.

Of the “the Bible” used, five are accepted Roman Catholic bibles. Here is a list of those “the Bible” with the number of times each was advertised. The number could change as I always find more on my second or third pass through the quarterly. Since the KJV was never advertised, I had to look for quotations with no associated advertising which was a bit harder to do. I did not count quotations that could have come from more than one bible that had no version indicated.

King James Version (KJV) quotations: 18

Amplified Bible (AMP) quotations: 1

Amplified Bible Classic Edition (AMPC): 2

Common English Bible (CEB) quotations: 1

Christian Standard Bible (CSB) quotations: 3

English Standard Version (ESV) quotations: 51

The Expanded Bible (EXB) quotations: 1

Good News Translation (called GNT & GNB) quotations: 2

Geneva Bible (GNV) quotations: 1

New American Standard Bible (NASB) quotations: 5

New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE) quotations: 1

New Century Version (NCV) quotations: 1

New English Translation (NET) quotations: 4
New International Version (NIV) quotations: 19
New King James Version (NKJV) quotations: 379
New Living Translation (NLT) quotations: 5
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) quotations: 12
Aguiar Translation (AT): 2

The ESV, GNT, NABRE and NRSV are accepted Roman Catholic bibles.

Twelve of the memory texts were from the NKJV and one was from the KJV.

There is one bible said to be the Geneva Bible designated as GNV. There is another bible designated as GNB which I believe also stands for the Geneva Bible. Cliff (the editor, Clifford Goldstein) must have missed that one.

Page numbers are as in the standard edition except as noted.

LESSON 1. Persecuted *but* Not Forsaken (12/27/26 – 1/2/26)

On page 8 it says, “It’s at times like these that we need to remember all the amazing provisions God has made for our success in battling evil. One of the most important is the Bible itself, ‘the word of truth.’” There are various Greek lessons in this SSBSG that you don’t need. The needed lesson is an ENGLISH lesson. “The Bible” is singular meaning ONE Bible and multiple “Bibles” have been used. Here’s a good quotation to remember.

“He who has a knowledge of God and His word through personal experience has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures. He has proved that God’s word is truth, and he knows that truth can never contradict itself.” *The Ministry of Healing* page 462.

That’s a definition that should help you distinguish between God’s word and something else.

The “the Bible” used for this particular lesson is the NKJV, ESV and NASB (the latter in the “teachers comments” section). See if there is any lack of truth in these “the Bible.”

“then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,” 2 Peter 2:9 “NKJV).

“then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,” 2 Peter 2:9 (ESV).

“then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from a trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,” 2 Peter 2:9 (NASB).

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:” 2 Peter 2:9 (KJV).

All of those “the Bible” except one say the wicked will be “under punishment” when they die until “the day of judgment.” That means they’re being punished before their judgment and must mean the righteous are enjoying Paradise.

LESSON 2. Reasons *for* Thanksgiving *and* Prayer (1/3/26 – 1/9/26)

The “the Bible” used for this lesson are the NKJV, NIV and ESV. In lesson 1 Clinton said “the Bible” is “the word of truth.” In this lesson in the teachers comments section authored by Aden there’s a statement on page 29 of that section that clearly shows Aden considers the ESV to be the word of truth. He says, “God expects us to bring a sincere attitude of gratitude into our prayers. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18, for instance, the instruction to ‘give thanks in all circumstances’ comes right after the command to ‘pray without ceasing’ (*ESV*).”

I’ve heard that the new Bible commentary from Andrews University will be using the ESV and the NKJV for the “the Bible” in that commentary. Let’s see if God authored the ESV.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” James 5:16 (*ESV*).

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16 (*KJV*).

And here’s from an inspired source.

“The apostle says, ‘Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.’ James 5:16. Confess your sins to God who only can forgive them, and your faults to one another.” *Steps to Christ* on the first page in the chapter titled “Confession.”

My ESV has the *nihil obstat* of “+Bishop J. Susaimanickam” and the *imprimatur* of “+Oswald Cardinal Gracias Archbishop of Bombay.” It had no footnote for that verse but I have another “the Bible” as Catholic as the Pope that has been used in a prior SSBSG that did have an applicable footnote.

“Confess your sins one to another... That is, to the priests of the church, whom (ver 14) he had ordered to be called for, and brought in to the sick; moreover to confess to persons who had no power to forgive sins, would be useless.” From my Douay Rheims Bible.

I don’t need to explain what’s wrong with the ESV do I?

LESSON 3. Life *and* Death (1/10/26 – 1/16/26)

Regarding Philippians 1:23-24 the question is asked, “What does Paul mean when he says that ‘to depart, and be with Christ’ is ‘far better’?” Clint doesn’t understand this and it’s highly unlikely that Aden or your bona fide Seventh-day Adventist pastor understands it. When we’re done, you will understand it and it’s not in the least contradictory to the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy.

Furthermore, when you understand this, you will be able to explain ALL of the passages that Seventh-day Adventist ministers have problems with.

Clint says, “This passage has been greatly misunderstood through the ages. In this week’s passage for study, Paul dealt with the contrast between living and dying.” That is correct. Then he says, “the Christian lives for Christ and may even die for Him. In that sense it is ‘gain’ because our witness is that much more powerful and persuasive (*Phil. 1:21*).” It is true that if someone is ready to die for what they believe, they must be sincere in their belief.

Further down the page John 11:11 is quoted where it says “Lazarus sleepeth” when Jesus also said Lazarus in that chapter that Lazarus was dead. There’s no problem with that.

Further yet down the page it says, “Paul’s ‘departing’ from the present life to be with Christ means to be with Him in suffering and dying.” That is not what the passage means. Every true Christian who departs this life even if they didn’t suffer when they died is with Christ. Really.

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28 (KJV).

In English, “soul” can mean, depending on the context in which the word is used, a person or that part of a person we could call the intellectual or mental processes of that person. You could say that a soul has a soul. A Christian martyr burned at the stake had his body destroyed but did not have his soul destroyed in hell. God keeps a memory of everything that constitutes our mental process in a sleeping state until the resurrection at which time it’s restored in a conscious state to a resurrected body. Ditto for the wicked. Their soul is also put back into their body at their resurrection but after their judgment both their soul and their body are destroyed in Hell fire.

Here are two examples of how “soul” is used in the KJV.

“These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls.” Genesis 46:18 from the KJV.

“Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.” Job 7:11 from the KJV.

In Genesis 46:18 “sixteen souls” obviously means sixteen persons and in Job 7:11 both “spirit” and “soul” mean the mental processes of man that enables him to have emotions.

You can also learn what “soul” and “spirit” mean using an English dictionary. These definitions of those words are from Noah Webster’s 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language*.

SOUL – “The understanding; the intellectual principle.”

SOUL – “A human being; a person.”

SPIRIT – “Vigor of intellect; genius” and “An immaterial intelligent substance.”

There are two other ways “spirit” is used in Scripture.

“And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.” Mark 1:23-26 from the KJV.

“Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.” Psalms 51:11 from the KJV.

In Mark 1:23-26, the spirit is an “unclean spirit,” or you could say a fallen angel, demon or devil. In Psalms 51:11 the “holy spirit” is the third person of the Godhead also called the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit in Scripture.

Here are more definitions of “spirit” from Noah Webster’s 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language*.

SPIRIT – “An apparition; a ghost.”

SPIRIT – “The influences of the Holy Spirit.”

Here are two more examples of how “soul” and “spirit” are used in the real Bible.

“And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin.” Genesis 35:17-18 (KJV).

“And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.” Luke 8:51-55 (KJV).

The “soul” in the first of the above two quotations and the “spirit” in the second one both mean the intangible mental processes of a person. Notice in the second passage quoted, Jesus called death a sleep because the child whose body had died, wasn’t aware of anything at all.

If you haven’t had enough so far, here is more evidence.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 (KJV).

“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” Colossians 3:3-4 (KJV).

“The rack, the stake, the many inventions of cruelty, may kill the body, but they cannot touch the life that is hid with Christ in God.” *Signs of the Times*, 6/3/1897 or *Ellen G. White Signs of the Times Articles*, book III of III, page 173.

“You have another life to sustain than that which is nourished by temporal bread. You have a soul to look to carefully lest it shall be lost forever....” *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 3* page 202 or Letter 2a, 1892.

In John 3:16, which I’m confident you memorized years ago, it says that those who believe in Christ (that would be those following His teachings) “have ever lasting life.” They NEVER have their soul destroyed in Hell. In Colossians 3:3-4 it says, regarding the faithful Christian, “your life is hid with Christ in God.” The *Signs of the Times* quotation says the “inventions of cruelty” “cannot touch the life that is hid with Christ in God.” I think the quotation from *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 3* is easily understood to mean we have a “soul” that can, if we’re not faithful, “be lost forever.”

Here is the passage Aden has trouble with and it’s not just Aden.

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.” Philippians 1:21-24 (KJV).

To “live in the flesh” clearly means to live as a human being with both a body and intangible intellectual processes that also can be called a soul or a spirit. Paul is saying death of his body is preferable to continuing the incredible struggles that he was going through because if his body died, God would keep safe a memory that all that constituted his mental processes safe in a sleeping state until the resurrection and he would suffer no longer. It’s that simple. Paul HAS eternal life but he’s sleeping.

Here's another passage Seventh-day Adventist doctors of the law and ministers don't understand. In fact to date, I haven't heard even one who could explain it in a rational manner all because they have never taken the time to understand what the infallible ENGLISH bible says in ENGLISH. They should try getting out an ENGLISH dictionary once in a while and quit blabbing about what the Greek and the Hebrew say.

“Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (KJV).

Here, once again, Paul is speaking of the death of his “body” in which his soul is living. At the death of his body, his life as in his soul will be “hid with Christ in God” in a sleeping state. Just by knowing the meaning of English words like soul and spirit you can explain all of the hard verses

that have perplexed Seventh-day Adventist ministers who have accepted what scholars say with too much enthusiasm.

Now you can answer the question on page 26 which is, “How would you explain the Bible teaching on death to a friend who believes that Paul and other Christians who have died are now ‘with Christ’ in heaven?””

Oh, on page 40 in the teachers comments section, the passage discussed above in Philippians is discussed again with no logical answer. Be aware that if you bring this up in your Sabbath School class, the other class members may think you’re a heretic.

Here is something else about the “the Bible” teaching about death not many know about. I assume not many know about it since I’ve never heard those using a fake “the Bible” mention it. Aden and Clint have used a bunch of fake “the Bible” and have never mentioned it. For this one we’ll compare the real Bible, the ESV and one of the “the Bible” published by Andrews University as a study bible. If you’re using one of the other fake “the Bible” you can check it for yourself.

“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: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 (KJV).

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,” 1 Peter 3:18-20 (NIV).

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 (ESV).

The KJV says Jesus was put to death “in the flesh” and then quickened (brought to life) “by the Spirit” (the Holy Spirit) and that it was “by” the Spirit that He preached to the wicked people that died in the flood. The NIV says Jesus was put to death in the flesh and “made alive in the Spirit.” In other words, His flesh and blood body wasn’t resurrected; He was resurrected “in” the Spirit. Then it says Jesus’ resurrected spirit preached to the wicked antediluvians who had died in the flood. The message in the ESV is the same as that in the NIV. If Jesus’ Spirit took the trouble to preach to the spirits of wicked dead people, they must have been awake in Hell or Purgatory listening to Him and still capable of being saved.

Christ’s preaching to the antediluvians was accomplished by the Holy Spirit speaking through Noah.

“And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;” 2 Peter 2:5 (KJV).

LESSON 4. Unity Through Humility (1/17/26 – 1/23/26)

There is only one verse in any bible that mentions Lucifer. That passage is mentioned on the first page of this lesson. Here it is from the real Bible and from another “the Bible” used in this quarterly.

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” Isaiah 14:12-14 (KJV).

“How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’” Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV).

Any problem with that?

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.” Revelation 22:16 (KJV).

“‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.’” Revelation 22:16 (NIV).

Obviously, according to the NIV, Isaiah 14:12-14 is all about Jesus Christ.

On page 30 it says, “Paul speaks of the unity ‘[produced by] the Spirit’ (*Eph. 4:3, AMPC*), which creates ‘the peace that joins us together’ (*Eph. 4:3, EXB*).” Really? Clint needs two different “the Bible” to know what God said? That’s an excellent illustration of the mix and match delusion of too many Seventh-day Adventist ministers.

Under the front cover of the SSBSG it says “AMPC” stands for the Amplified Bible Classic Edition with copyright dates of 1954, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965 and 1987. It also says “AMP” stands for the Amplified Bible with a copyright date of 2015. I believe the distinction derives from ministers or scholars liking what one says more than what another one says and not so much from the publisher. I have one that right on the cover is titled “The Amplified Bible” that has a copyright date of 1987 and right above the copyright date it is called “THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE, EXPANDED EDITION.” I would think that should be abbreviated “AMPEX” but I doubt the publisher thinks so.

I did look for a “the Bible” that was titled “Amplified Bible Classic Edition” and was able to get one from, guess where? Kenneth Copeland Ministries! You should take some time and ask yourself why. Here’s a Seventh-day Adventist key text from Kenneth Copeland’s AMPC, the EXP and the real Bible.

“Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!]. I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].” Revelation 19:10 (AMPC).

“Then I bowed down [fell] at the angel’s feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘Do not worship me [Don’t do that!; LSee, not]! I am a servant like you [fellow servant with you] and your brothers and sisters who have the message [witness; testimony] of Jesus. Worship God, because the message [witness; testimony] about [or from] Jesus is the spirit that gives all prophecy [or is the essence of true prophecy; or is Spirit-inspired prophecy; Lis the spirit/Spirit of prophecy].” Revelation 19:10 (EXP).

“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10 (KJV).

The KJV defines “the testimony of Jesus” as “the spirit of prophecy” and neither of the fake “the Bible” do so. Also, ask yourself, are the AMPC and the EXP easier to read? And why is Revelation 19:10 a key text?

“So then the dragon was furious (enraged) at the woman, and he went away to wage war on the remainder of her descendants—[on those] who obey God's commandments and who have the testimony of Jesus *Christ* [and adhere to it and bear witness to Him].” Revelation 12:17 (AMPC).

“Then the dragon was very angry [furious; full of wrath] at the woman, and he went off to make war against all her other children [Lthe rest of her seed/offspring]—those who obey God’s commands and who have the message Jesus taught [or hold fast to their testimony about Jesus]. Revelation 12:17 (EXP).

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17 (KJV).

The KJV teaches that the remnant church will “have the testimony of Jesus Christ” which is defined in Revelation 19:10 as “the spirit of prophecy.” If you neglect to define “spirit of prophecy” in Revelation 19:10, it doesn’t matter a whole lot what Revelation 12:17 says.

Here’s another gem from the EXP.

“On the Lord’s day [^cprobably a reference to the first day of the week, Sunday, when Christians met for worship] **I was in the ·Spirit** [*or* spirit; ^ca state of deep communion with God], **and I heard a loud voice behind me that sounded like a trumpet** [^ctrumpet blasts often precede a divine appearance or speech; Ex. 19:16, 19]. Revelation 1:10 (EXP).

These lessons in multiple places tell you what Greek words mean. On page 54 of the teachers comments section there is a translation I hadn’t seen before. It’s the “author’s translation” and since it was invented by Aden, I’ll call it the Aguiar Translation (AT) since Aden is the one who felt authorized to correct what God said. Here are the verses Aden corrected.

“think the same thing [*to auto **phronēte***] by having the same love, [being] united in spirit, and thinking the one thing [*to hen **phronountes***]” Philippians 2:2 (AT).

“with lowliness of thought [*tapeinophrosynē*] every person regards others as more important than himself” Philippians 2:3 (AT).

Here’s that from the real Bible.

“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” Philippians 2:2-3 (KJV).

Nothing like complicating things that don’t need to be complicated. Sadly, English speaking blowhards are likely to tell you what “the Greek” or “the Hebrew” or the “original language” say when they don’t know what their “the Bible” says in English.

LESSON 5. Shining as Lights in the Night (1/24/26 – 1/30/26)

The NKJV is used for most of the “the Bible” quotations for this lesson although the real Bible is used once, the NIV twice and the NRSV once. Here’s a passage from the NKJV, the NABRE and the real Bible.

“And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.” Zechariah 13:6-7 (KJV).

“And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.' 'Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.'” Zechariah 13:6-7 (NKJV).

“And if anyone asks, ‘What are these wounds on your chest?’ each will answer, ‘I received these wounds in the house of my friends.’ Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the

one who is my associate—oracle of the LORD of hosts. Strike the shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones.” Zechariah 13:6-7 (NABRE).

There are footnotes for that passage in each of my four Andrews Study Bibles and in my NABRE which Pope Francis must have liked because it has a picture of him in it and he’s smiling.

“When confronted about the ‘wounds’ on his torso (‘between your arms’ probably refers to the chest or back), scars which probably resulted from self-mutilation while participating in idolatrous rituals (1 Kin. 18:28), the false prophet lies about how he received them.” Footnote for Zechariah 13:6 in the NKJV Andrews Study Bible.

“**wounds on your body.** The false prophet lies about the scars, which probably resulted from self-mutilation while participating in idolatrous rituals (1 Ki 18:28).” Footnote for Zechariah 13:6 in the NIV Andrews Study Bible.

“*Wounds in your chest:* lit., ‘wounds between your hands.’ The false prophets, like the prophets of Baal (1 Kgs 18:28), apparently inflicted wounds on themselves. Here it seems that persons accused of false prophecy deny having inflicted wounds on themselves and instead claim that they have received them at the houses of their friends.” Footnote for Zechariah 13:6 in my NABRE.

The Spanish Reina-Valera 1995 and the Portuguese Almeida Revista e Atualizada Andrews Study Bibles both say the wounds were in the hands and still have a footnote saying they were self-inflicted. Remember that those footnotes were composed by an Andrews University affiliated biblical scholar.

“Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.” Matthew 26:31 (KJV).

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” Matthew 26:31 (NKJV).

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken,’ for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed:’” Matthew 26:31 (NABRE).

“Even the manner of His death had been shadowed forth. As the brazen serpent had been uplifted in the wilderness, so was the coming Redeemer to be lifted up, ‘that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.’ John 3:16. ‘One shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was sounded in the house of My friends.’ Zechariah 13:6.” *The Acts of the Apostles* page 226.

How’s that for the NKJV, the NABRE, the Roman Catholic Church, Andrews University, Andrews University scholar(s) and princes of our church destroying faith in “the Bible” as being the

infallible Word of God and in the Holy Ghost's inspiration of the Lord's Messenger? It's time to wake up and forget football, basketball and other everyday trivia and study the real Words of God like your life depended on it because it does. It's also time to treat with skepticism any spiritual pronouncements emanating from Andrews University, Loma Linda University, La Sierra University, Walla Walla University, Southern University and the General Conference unless said pronouncements are consistent with what the real Bible and the writings of the Lord's Messenger say.

Here's something I posted on a Seventh-day Adventist social media site that apparently wasn't much appreciated but maybe you'll benefit. It was posted with no commentary of my own.

"It would have been an almost infinite humiliation for the Son of God to take man's nature, even when Adam stood in his innocence in Eden. But Jesus accepted humanity when the race had been weakened by four thousand years of sin. Like every child of Adam He accepted the results of the working of the great law of heredity. What these results were is shown in the history of His earthly ancestors. He came with such a heredity to share our sorrows and temptations, and to give us the example of a sinless life." *The Desire of Ages* page 49.

"Be careful, exceedingly careful as to how you dwell upon the human nature of Christ. Do not set Him before the people as a man with the propensities of sin. He is the second Adam. The first Adam was created a pure, sinless being, without a taint of sin upon him; he was in the image of God. He could fall, and he did fall through transgressing. Because of sin, his posterity was born with inherent propensities of disobedience." *The Academy Study Bible* page 179 of the New Testament section or Letter 8, 1895."

"There were no corrupt principles in the first Adam, no corrupt propensities or tendencies to evil." *The Academy Study Bible* pages 14-15 of the Old Testament section or Letter 191, 1899.

"Christ, the second Adam, came in the likeness of sinful flesh. In man's behalf, He became subject to sorrow, to weariness, to hunger, and to thirst. He was subject to temptation, but He yielded not to sin. No taint of sin was upon him." *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 8* pages 38-39 or Manuscript 99, 1903.

"Christ is called the second Adam. In purity and holiness, connected with God, and beloved by God, He began where the first Adam began. But the first Adam was in every way more favorably situated than Christ." *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 8* page 38 or Manuscript 20, 1898.

"I saw that Satan would work more powerfully now than ever he has before. He knows that his time is short and that the sealing of the saints will place them beyond his power: he will work in every way that he can and will try his every insinuation to get the saints off from their guard and get them asleep on the present truth or doubting it, so as to prevent their being sealed with the seal of the living God." *Ellen G. White Manuscript Releases 8* page 220 or Manuscript 7, 1850.

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost.” *Testimonies For the Church* volume 5 page 214.

“Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, ‘*It is done.*’ And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ Every case had been decided for life or death.” *Early Writings* pages 279-280.

“As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon His garment; and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God.” *Ibid.*, page 280.

“But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance.” *The Great Controversy* page 620.

“Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father’s commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.” *The Great Controversy* page 623.

You can consider those messages from the Faithfull and True Witness to the Laodiceans.

LESSON 6. Confidence Only *in* Christ (1/31/26 – 2/6/26)

On page 83 of the teachers comments section it says, “The prize and the call refer to the same thing, as in the Good News Translation: ‘The prize, which is Gods call through Christ Jesus.’” Under the cover of the quarterly is a list of bibles used in the quarterly along with the abbreviations they’re supposedly designated by and in that list the Good News Translation will supposedly be designated by “GNT.” For this quotation Aden decided to write out the whole name. In the next lesson on page 57 of the standard edition (that is probably your edition) there is a quotation identified as coming from the “GNB.” That quotation is also from what is called the “GNT.” But wait, there’s more. The GNT is also called the Today’s English Version and if you look in the back of your Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal you will find Scripture readings from it.

I have a *Good News Bible* (Catholic study edition) that on the spine clearly says it’s the Today’s English Version. That “the Bible” has the *imprimatur* of Archbishop John Whealon. Here are some examples of the spiritual food Clint and Aden are feeding you.

“When mankind had spread all over the world, and girls were being born, some of the supernatural beings saw that these girls were beautiful, so they took the ones they liked. Then the LORD said, ‘I will not allow people to live forever; they are mortal. From now on they will

live no longer than 120 years.’ In those days, and even later, there were giants on the earth who were descendants of human women and the supernatural beings. They were the great heroes and the famous men of long ago.” Genesis 6:1-4 (GNB).

Here's another problem in that “the Bible” that isn’t in the real Bible.

“I heard the other angel answer, ‘It will continue for 1,150 days, during which evening and morning sacrifices will not be offered. Then the Temple will be restored.’” Daniel 8:14 (GNB).

Here’s that passage from the real Bible and from another “the Bible” used in this quarterly.

“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14 (KJV).

“He said to me, ‘It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated.’” Daniel 8:14 (NIV).

That is a key text for a unique Seventh-day Adventist doctrine; i.e., the 2,300 day prophecy which, since it’s prophetic time, translates to the 2,300 years ending in 1844. You may think 2,300 evenings and mornings is OK. Not really. Since 1,150 days contains 2,300 evenings and mornings the NIV can be taken to mean the same thing as the GNB. That’s because the word “and” can mean, per the *Oxford English Reference Dictionary* (revised second edition), “implying addition (two and two are four).” The “Temple” being restored in the GNB obviously means rebuilt and, though a bit vaguer, the NIV can be taken to mean the same thing.

“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.” Genesis 6:1-4 (KJV).

“When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.” Genesis 6:1-4 (NIV).

The NIV distinguishes between “daughters of humans” and “sons of God” implying that the sons of God could be something other than human. If you have an NIV, try to find one verse that defines “sons of God” as something other than supernatural beings. The verses to look at are Job 1:6, Job 2:1, Job 38:7, John 1:12, Romans 8:14, Romans 8:19, Philippians 2:15, 1 John 3:1 and 1 John 3:2.

I'll use one verse from the KJV.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14 (KJV).

On the second page of this lesson it says, “Wicked or irreligious people in Israel were sometimes referred to as ‘dogs’ (*Phil. 3:2; compare Ps. 22:16; Isa. 56:10; Matt. 7:6; 2 Pet. 2:21, 22*).” Clint missed one.

“There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.” Deuteronomy 23:17-18 (KJV).

“There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel. You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 23:17-18 (NKJV).

In the KJV one of the meanings of “dog” can be a “sodomite.” There is a bible called the Queen James Bible (QJB) in which only eight verses have been changed in order to remove the doctrine of the sin of homosexuality. The editors of that “the Bible” tell you which verses they changed and they were honest enough to say why they changed them. The NKJV has changed just as many verses related to that doctrine though it doesn’t do quite as good a job as the QJB. The QJB is a much better “the Bible” than the other “the Bible” Clint and Aden have chosen to use almost exclusively.

LESSON 7. A Heavenly Citizenship (2/7/26 – 2/13/26)

On page 56 Clint says, “Paul introduces Philippians 4:8, 9 with. ‘furthermore’ (*GNV*) and a list of six virtues, followed by a succinct summary of them and encouragement to imitate Paul’s example.” Really? LOL. Clint had to go to the Geneva Bible to get one to say “furthermore?” I know you’ll be losing a lot of sleep over this so I’ll tell you more.

“Furthermore, brethrē, whatfoeuer things are true , whatfoeuer things *are* honeft, whatfoeuer things *are* iuft , whatfoeuer things *are* pure, whatfoeuer things pertaine to loue, whatfoeuer things are of good reporte, if there *be* anie virtue, or if there *be* anie praife, thinke on thefe things,” Philippians 4:8-9 (GNV).

There you have it from the 1560 Geneva Bible. The lower case “f” isn’t an exact match for the lower case “s” that occurs in a word unless it’s the final letter but it’s close. If Clint wanted more “furthermore” options he could have used the 1535 Coverdale Bible or the 1568 Bishops Bible.

LESSON 8. The Preeminence of Christ (2/14/26 – 2/20/26)

On page 66 the question is asked, “What would you say to someone who does not believe that the Father and the Son have always coexisted?” There is a group of people claiming to be Seventh-day

Adventists who say Jesus is a created being and for that purpose claim the “pioneers” of the Seventh-day Adventist church believed the same thing. Some of the pioneers may have believed that just like they believed at one time that Sunday was the day to worship on and that pig was fine to eat. The writings of the pioneer that matters the most NEVER proposed that doctrine. Here is a passage that should lay the controversy to rest.

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.” 1 John 5:7-8 (KJV).

But no, the Bible editors don’t think so.

“Textual evidence attests (cf. page 10) the omission of the passage ‘in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in in earth.’” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* volume 7, (copyright 1957) page 675.

“The disputed words have been widely used in support of the doctrine of the Trinity, but in view of such over whelming evidence against their authenticity, their support is valueless and should not be used.” *Ibid.*, page 675.

So, what has happened to the “the Bible?” Here’s a sample.

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.” 1 John 5:7-8 (NIV).

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.” 1 John 5:7-8 (ESV)

“So we have these three witnesses-the Spirit, the water, and the blood-and all three agree.” 1 John 5:7-8 (NLT).

“For there are three that testify, the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three are in agreement.” 1 John 5:7-8 (NET).

In those “the Bible” 1 John 5:7 has been deleted and 1 John 5:8 has been split and part of it called 1 John 5:7.

There is a book titled *Communication with the Spirit World* by Johannes Greber. In it are quotations of things said by a demon speaking through a spiritualistic medium. Here is one of those quotations found on page 369.

“‘The doctrine that three persons are united in one Godhead finds its main support in the grossly falsified passage in the Epistle of John, the correct version of which reads: ‘For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit, the water, and the blood: and the three of them are in accord’. (*1st John 5:8.*) To this has been added the spurious sentence: ‘And there are three who bear witness in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, and these three are one’.

That this entire last sentence is a spurious interpolation is a fact of which your Catholic theologians are well aware.”

Do you think the demon was being helpful by pointing out a doctrinal error in the Bible?

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” 1 Timothy 4:1.

Furthermore, any “the Bible” that doesn’t have the entirety of 1 John 5:7-8 is a “the Bible” that will have other errors.

LESSON 9. Reconciliation *and* Hope (2/21/26 – 2/27/26)

For this lesson Clint has used mostly the NKJV for his “the Bible” and Aden has used a lot of NKJV and ESV references in the teachers comments section. Do you think that’s a problem? In a church I used to attend the lead pastor, a product of Andrews University who favored the NKJV, alleged that according to the Bible it was OK to lie sometimes. Does “the Bible” say that?

“So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die. So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover. And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.” 2 Kings 8:9-10,14-15 (KJV).

“So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said, ‘Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, ‘Shall I recover from this disease?’ And Elisha said to him, ‘Go, say to him, ‘You shall certainly recover.’ However the LORD has shown me that he will really die.’ Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, ‘What did Elisha say to you?’ And he answered, ‘He told me you would surely recover.’ But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.” 2 Kings 8:9-10,14-15 (NKJV).

“So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, all kinds of goods of Damascus, forty camels' loads. When he came and stood before him, he said, ‘Your son Ben-hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, ‘Shall I recover from this sickness?’ And Elisha said to him, ‘Go, say to him, ‘You shall certainly recover, but the LORD has shown me that he shall certainly die. Then he departed from Elisha and came to his master, who said to him, ‘What did Elisha say to you?’ And he answered, ‘He told me that you would certainly recover.’ But the next day he took the bed cloth and dipped it in water and spread it over his face, till he died. And Hazael became king in his place.” 2 Kings 8:9-10,14-15 (ESV).

The KJV says that Ben-hadad “mayest” recover but it doesn’t say he would recover. He would have recovered if Hazael hadn’t killed him so no, in the KJV Elisha, God’s appointed messenger, did not tell Hazael to lie. In both the NKJV and in the ESV Elisha told Hazael to lie and tell Ben-hadad he would recover when he knew he wouldn’t recover. If either the NKJV or the ESV is your “the Bible” then God apparently says it’s OK to lie sometimes.

How about Jesus lying?

“Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.” John 7:8-10 (KJV).

“You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.’ After saying this, he remained in Galilee. But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private.” John 7:8-10 (ESV).

In the KJV the little word “yet” makes the difference. Jesus didn’t lie in the KJV. In the ESV Jesus, who knew He was going to the feast lied and said He wasn’t going.

“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.” Revelation 21:2,27 (KJV).

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.” Revelation 22:14-15 (KJV).

LESSON 10. Complete *in* Christ (2/28/26 – 3/6/26)

On page 77 it says, “But by prescribing proper decorum in worship (*see for example, 1 Corinthians 11*), and specifying how elders and deacons should be elected (*1 Timothy 3, Titus 1*), Paul was very careful to preserve order in the church.”

“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.” 1 Timothy 3:2,12 (KJV).

“For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;” Titus 1:5-7 (KJV).

See the part about “husband of one wife?” In the General Conference in session, the ordination of women ministers was voted down THREE TIMES and yet the practice continues in the North American Division and in other divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. To get around the ordination part, in some places women become “commissioned” ministers. A commissioned minister has the same privileges and responsibilities as an ordained minister.

“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.” 1 Samuel 15:22-23 (KJV).

There is some excellent advice in a quotation from *The Acts of the Apostles* found on page 82.

“The work of higher criticism, in dissecting, conjecturing, reconstructing, is destroying faith in the Bible as a divine revelation. It is robbing God’s word of power to control, uplift, and inspire human lives.” *The Acts of the Apostles* page 475.

“He is to regard the Bible as the voice of God speaking directly to him. Thus he will find the wisdom which is divine.” *Ibid.*, page 475.

I have already given you multiple examples in the “the Bible” used in this SSBSG that are the product of higher criticism and that are positively NOT the voice of God speaking directly to us and I have a LOT more examples that I could give. Clint is apparently clueless.

LESSON 11. Living With Christ (3/7/26 – 3/13/26)

On page 86 it says, “For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful’ (*Rom 1:26, 27, NKJV*).”

“But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.” Genesis 19:4-5 (KJV).

“Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.’” Genesis 19:4-5 (NKJV).

“But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may rape and humiliate them.” Genesis 19:4-5 (QJB).

The QJB has changed only eight verses compared with the KJV so as to remove the doctrine of the sin of homosexuality. By changing “know” to “rape and humiliate” they have attempted to change the sin from homosexuality to being unkind to strangers. The NKJV has also changed that part. “Know” is changed to “carnally.” That’s because it’s easily shown from the NKJV that “knew” would mean the act of copulation in this context.

“And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.” Genesis 4:1 (KJV).

“Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, ‘I have acquired a man from the LORD.’” Genesis 4:1 (NKJV).

Those who translated the NKJV knew what “know” meant in Genesis 19:4-5 because they added “carnally” in italicized letters which means they added it to the text to allegedly make it understandable. They only added it to confuse the issue.

Per *The Tormont Webster’s Illustrated Encyclopedic Dictionary* the definition of “carnal” is:

“1. Pertaining to the desires and appetites of the flesh or body; sensual. 2. Worldly or earthly; temporal. [Middle English, from Medieval Latin *carnālis* from Latin *carō* (stem carn-), flesh.]
–**car-nal-i-ty**”

So, “carnally” could mean sexual intercourse but it could also just mean having a wild party with too much eating and drinking.

I compared verses in the NKJV to the KJV related to homosexuality and found eight verses in the NKJV that had been changed to erase the homosexual sin doctrine. You might say seven verses since one of them was what I’d call collateral damage from the change of another passage. The QJB editors were at least honest enough to list the verses that were changed with an explanation of why they were changed. They also said other bible versions had been changed (true) and used that for justification for their action. The NKJV has made many more significant changes than the QJB with no explanation of the why for doing so.

There is a booklet available on eBay titled *Seventh-day Adventist’s “the Bible”* in which I’ve compared verses of the KJV, QJB and NKJV that are related to homosexuality.

LESSON 12. Living With Each Other (3/14/26 – 3/20/26)

On page 95 it says, “Actually, in both the Old and New Testaments, believers are called slaves (or servants) of God (*see, for example, Ps. 34:22, Luke 17:10, 1 Pet. 2:16*).” Think VERY carefully about what a slave is and what a servant is before you read on. Here are the verses that allegedly show “believers are called slaves (or servants) of God.”

“The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.” Psalm 34:22 (NKJV).

“The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.” Psalm 34:22 (NIV).

“The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.” Psalm 34:22 (KJV).

“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’” Luke 17:10 (NKJV).

“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” Luke 17:10 (NIV).

“as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.” 1 Peter 2:16 (NKJV).

“Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves.” 1 Peter 2:16 (NIV).

“As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.” 1 Peter 2:16 (KJV).

In two of those examples there is a reference to slaves and that word isn’t correctly used. A servant receives some sort of pay for his service and, if you are a servant of God, your pay will be more than you can imagine. A slave serves involuntarily and receives nothing but room and board. You can be a slave of Satan or a servant of God. You will never be, as the NIV put it, “God’s slaves.” Since “bondservant” means the same thing as “slave,” the NKJV has the same problem as the NIV.

LESSON 13. Standing *in All the Will* (3/21/26 – 3/27/26)

On page 102 it says, “We learn here that Mark was Barnabas’s cousin.” For some reason the passage supposedly proving this wasn’t mentioned but here it is.

“Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),” Colossians 4:10 (NKJV).

“Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)” Colossians 4:10 (KJV).

A cousin is person born to one of your parent’s siblings. A nephew is a male born to one of your siblings. The phrase “sister’s son to Barnabas” makes John Mark, also known as Marcus, Barnabas’ nephew and not his cousin.

“Barnabas, on the other hand, was inclined to excuse Mark, who was his nephew, because of his inexperience.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 3 page 353.

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