

The AV for Kids

The other day I saw an idiot who'd made a Youtube video attempting to make the case that the Authorized Version Bible is too difficult for kids (or anyone else) to understand, blah, blah, blah and should be substituted for a Babylonian counterfeit. Poppycock.

Rather than rebut this ridiculousness (Gail Riplinger in chapter 11 her book "New Age Versions" does a great job, as Dr Alan O'Reilly pointed out when I discussed this with him over email), let me tell you a quick personal story.

I teach a Sunday school class at the little church we attend. The ages generally range from 6-12. I never use anything besides the Authorized Version Bible to read or teach from, and there is never any "speed bump" to the children's comprehension. I trust that the Holy Spirit of God will lead and guide the dear little listeners into all truth (John 14v26, 15v26, 16v13, 1 John 2v27, etc), so all I have to worry about is making sure that the pure word of God is set before them.

"...If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16v31

I still continue to be amazed at how simple and understandable it is, however, and this is just one example.

A couple of weeks ago, several visiting children showed up to class, and two of them trusted the Lord Jesus Christ to save them. One was a boy, and one was a girl. One was black and one was white. One was local, and one was visiting from another state. One was poor and from a single parent household, and one was from a well-to-do two parent home. Both were 10 years old, and both were under visible conviction as the gospel was preached to them in the King's English. One had never heard it, and the other had heard it many times and decided that today was the day of salvation. Both got on their knees afterwards and admitted that they were helpless sinners and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save them and come and dwell in their heart by faith. It was glorious, a miracle of creation (Ephesians 2v10).

The Holy Bible is **"true and righteous altogether"** and when you've got an Authorized Version Bible in front of you, you're "good to go". For words that you don't understand, by all means look them up and get the definition, but don't change what God said. The Lord wrote it where it can speak to anyone right where they are at, including little kids. He gave us the Book, and He can give us understanding as to what it means by His Spirit. Praise the Lord!

So, the idiot on Youtube and those like him can lump it. I'll stick with the Book and the promises of God that accompany the keeping of it. I'm thankful that God let me see this little Sunday school miracle of the new birth, and am so thankful that He is still receiving sinners.