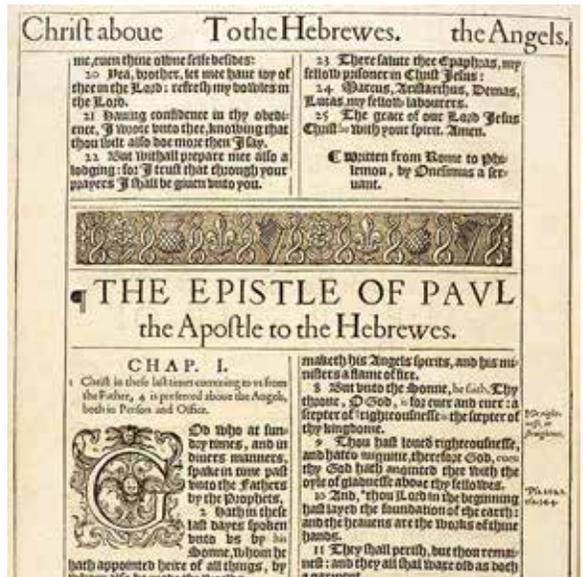


“And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is Salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the Wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which They That Are Unlearned And Unstable Wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.” 2 Peter 3:15-16 KJV



Wrest means; to distort; to turn from truth or twist from its natural meaning. The Gnostics of early Christianity did so without qualm! Do you make Scripture fit your thoughts or do you conform your thoughts to God’s Word? Forty extremely talented linguistic scholars took all of the manuscripts and translation work of their time including Tyndale and Wycliffe and compiled a text in Greek which all forty men approved including King James who was himself, an accomplished Greek scholar. This Textus Receptus (Gr. Received Text) was then translated into English and from thence became known as the “Authorized (by King James) Version,” or the “King James Version (KJV),” which I accept by faith as God’s complete inspired Word to all English speaking people. It stood alone for almost 400 years as the Word of God. The only changes that have been made are fonts and word spellings. For example: Old English “Sonne” was changed to “Son,” and the “V” to “U.” Now, many dogmatically assert their own interpretations of God’s Word, going so far as to retranslate or omit portions contained in preserved manuscripts. Most of these “perversions” will be copyrighted; a sure indication somebody is profiting from the sale of it. Make sure your “bible” is NOT copyrighted! “We have also a more sure Word of Prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the Day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no Prophecy (Truth) of the Scripture is of any private interpretation (out of context). For the Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” If you do not consistently read AND study God’s Word, you are WILLINGLY IGNORANT AND WITHOUT EXCUSE BEFORE GOD! Even this daily writing should be no substitute for your own study of God’s Word. I would expect my readers to be so well read in God’s Word they can correct me!

Unstable souls with double minds,
Do wrest the Scriptures for their kind,
They cover sin and lies bestow,
With no desire the Truth to know. ~CGP

Searching God’s Word with a preconceived mindset is the most heretical thing you can do! To understand one part of God’s Word you must read all of it together, otherwise, Satan will confuse your mind with seeming contradictions, which you must bring before the Lord in prayer for His intended meaning. You don’t need to know Greek or Hebrew to understand the English text. More learned men than us have already prayed over and done the work. I did not understand many passages until I had read through my Bible many times, but God made them plain to me when needed! God “is a Rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him!” Are you reading God’s Word? Are you honestly seeking His thoughts over yours? Or are you “wresting” the Scriptures?

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV