

What is your favorite Bible translation? Why do you use it?

Everyone reads the bible but everybody does not use the same version for preferences.

When I first came in the USA I had a KJV(King James Version). I am not an English native speaker so the comprehension for me was very difficult even the dictionary could not help for anything. So i found out that the NIV (New International Version ) was a good bible for those who are not English native to use for better understanding. So I got me a NIV bible. But after awhile I discovered that there was a version close to KJV which is the NKJV (New King James Version). To me it is also a modern English bible so I fell in love with it since 2011 and have possessed three copies of them so far. I love it.

As we are dealing with Bible languages and translations I found out that my reason for loving this version is pertinent. It is certainly not the best of all versions but here are few vital reasons besides the standard or modern English.

Let's take few examples in the word.

In Genesis 18:11 the scripture depicts Sarah's dead womb which could no longer bear a child. In NKJV the use of euphemism reduces or attenuate the passage instead of saying "Sarah could no longer have her monthly periods.." the use of euphemism give us "Sarah had passed the age of childbearing." This sounds good in reading and comprehension as well. The NIV also carries the same word for this scripture: the use of euphemism.

And again in Genesis 31:35 the same applies for Rachel when her father Laban was searching her belongings for the disappearance (stolen) of his family idols she hid in her stuff. While some translations will say of Rachel "I am having my monthly periods..." the use of euphemism gives us "...for the manner of women is with me." (no man with a common sense would dare put his hand in a woman with manner belongings not even a father. And it should'nt be.)

The same the use of parabolic speech in Matthew 18:23-25 raises the question of exaggeration when an unmerciful master ordained his servant's children to be sold to pay for "ten thousand talents." This sounds good in reading when we pay attention the way we read in trying to detect different figure of speech involved in the scriptuyre. This all adds up to the beauty and riches and better comprehension of the word.

Besides all of that it also help me in grammar with regular and irregular verbs and the like. I fell in love with it.

These various reasons explain why I like the NKJV. It blesses my heart and i can understand with my level of English waht I am reading. Praise the Lord!