

# EDITORIAL

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Dear Readers,

This issue of the Bible Witness magazine is a double commemorative special. It is our way of rejoicing and praising our gracious God for two great things that He has done for His own glory and for our blessing. Firstly, we praise God for the most excellent King James Version of the Bible as English-speaking Christians all over the world commemorate its 400th anniversary. Secondly, we praise God for His abundant grace towards the Bible Witness magazine as we celebrate its 10th anniversary.

## **400th Anniversary of the King James Version**

On May 2, 1611, our beloved King James Version was published in Great Britain. 400 years have passed since its first publication. It has been reported that more than one billion copies have been sold the world over and still considered to be the most influential book ever published in English. The KJV is indeed a masterpiece among all literary works and Bible versions.

Though more than a hundred other English versions have been produced since 1611, not one of them is worthy to share the pedestal with the KJV. Its superiority is unambiguous and unchallenged even today. The KJV is indeed the unparalleled English version of the Bible.

The Bible Witness Media Ministry counts it a special honour to be among those who earnestly contend that the KJV should not be replaced with any other version to be used in the English-speaking churches of the world. Many wonder in these days whether it matters which version we use. Certainly it matters. When it comes to the Word of God, we must use the best translation; anything less would not suffice.

Why is the KJV the best English Bible? Because it is the most faithful and the best translation of the inspired and preserved Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek words of the Bible. The original language words underlying the KJV were accepted by the church all through the ages as the inspired and preserved Word of God. The Reformers and the Puritans also recognized

these original language words to be the pure words of God and hence they have translated these to be used by the church as the English Bible.

In stark contrast to this, the modern translations are based on different original language texts that were not widely received by the church. Moreover, these modern versions employ a technique that renders the translation inaccurate and falls far short compared to the KJV.

Much more can be said about the superiority of the KJV. The articles included in this commemorative special would help all our readers to appreciate this most wonderful English Bible even more.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the Trinitarian Bible Society (UK), and my esteemed friends Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Dr Paul Ferguson and Bro Richard Tiu for their contribution of articles and poem, all of which are published herein.

## **10th Anniversary of Bible Witness**

All glory be to God! If the Lord has not been with us to strengthen our feeble hands, we would have utterly failed in publishing this magazine many years ago. Amazingly, in the past 10 years, He has not only sustained us but also opened before us several new channels to declare His Word all over the world. Today, what has begun as a literature ministry has expanded to a multimedia ministry. To represent its diversified efforts, the ministry is renamed Bible Witness Media Ministry.

I would not venture any further here to delineate the work of BWMM. The many testimonies from around the world concerning God's blessings through BWMM, included in the second section of this issue, will sufficiently inform the reader of her works.

“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place” (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Finally, our dear friends everywhere, we are much indebted to God for your earnest prayers and generous support all these years. We covet the same in the days ahead for the spreading of the glorious truths of our Lord through the Bible Witness Media Ministry.

Sincerely yours,  
Prabhudas Koshy

*400<sup>th</sup>  
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