

5. Look up 1 Timothy 3:16 in the KJV and explain how modern versions weaken or obliterate the doctrine of the deity of Christ in this verse (e.g. NIV “Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”).

6. Some modern versions translate the word “virgin” [Hebrew: *ha’almah*] in Isaiah 7:14 as “young woman”. Discuss the grievous implications of such an error.

7. Cite the many areas in which the Authorised Version is superior to the modern versions and why we must not exchange it for these inferior versions.

8. Review the appended article “A Brief Record of KJV’s Beginning” to get an overview of the marvellous work done by the translators of this most beautiful Bible translation.

The Praise of the Holy Scriptures

(Questions based on pp. 19-20 of Bible Witness, Volume 11, Issue 2 – 400TH YEAR OF KJV & 10TH YEAR OF BW)

1. Look up the following passages and reflect upon the importance of the Scriptures to our lives.

a) John 5:39 –

b) Isaiah 8:20 –

c) Acts 17:11 –

d) Matthew 22:29 –

e) Luke 24:25 –

2. 2 Timothy 3:15-17 gives us several reasons to praise the Holy Scriptures. Can you name them?

3. Relate Augustine's anecdote on how he got acquainted with the Scriptures, which changed his life forever.

4. Look up the statements of the following early church fathers quoted in this article and appreciate how they held the Scriptures in highest regard and praise.

a) Augustine –

b) Cyril –

c) Tertullian –

d) Justin Martyr –

e) Basil –

5. The last two columns of this article present the Scriptures' excellence in poetic language. Can you compose a line of your own?

The Story of Our Bible

(Questions based on pp. 21-27 of Bible Witness, Volume 11, Issue 2 – 400TH YEAR OF KJV & 10TH YEAR OF BW)

1. What struck you the most as you read the introduction of this message that was preached to children?
2. According to the author, the people of England in the olden days did not know about God and the way of salvation. What was the main reason for this?
3. Name the two terrible things cited in this article that led the people of England into spiritual darkness.
4. John Wycliffe was known as the “morning star of the Reformation”. Why was this so? From which source text did he translate the Bible into English?
5. Discuss the doctrinal implications of the Latin Vulgate’s mistranslation of the word “Repent” as “Do penance” (Matthew 3:2; 4:17) and the phrase “Hail, thou that art highly favoured” as “Mary, full of grace” (Luke 1:28).

11. The phrase “Appointed to be read in churches” appears on the front page of the Authorised Version. What does it actually mean?

12. Sum up the intricate process involved in the work of translating the Authorised / King James Version.

13. Many idiomatic expressions (e.g. ‘thorn in the flesh’, ‘powers that be’, ‘a fly in the ointment’) come from the Authorised Version and have significantly influenced the English language. Can you mention some popular idioms that are found in the Bible?

14. Name the two faults of new Bible versions pointed out by the author.

15. We are wonderfully favoured to have a Bible in English that is accurate and a true representation of God’s revelation. What were the important truths enumerated therein by the author, and what was his final exhortation? (John 5:39; Psalm 119:18)

