

YouTube – 12/26/19 – Doug Batchelor – From Reading to Understanding (Sabbath School) – Posted by SDA Burgas

In common with all Seventh-day Adventist ministers I've met in recent times, Doug Batchelor doesn't believe there is any single Bible on this earth that is infallible. Notwithstanding this, he frequently says, "the Bible" (singular) which would mean there is a single Bible one can rely on. His favorite Bible, judging by the one he almost exclusively uses, is the New King James Version (NKJV) but when he gets to a part that doesn't work he reverts to the King James Bible reading. This may seem harmless but there is a progression from what may seem innocent to something more sinister.

Around 20:12 Doug quotes John 5:39 from the NKJV.

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"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39 from the King James Bible (frequently called the King James Version).

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me." From a Roman Catholic bible, the English Standard Version (ESV).

Douay Rheims Bible (DRB) – "Search the scriptures: for you think in them to have life everlasting. And the same are they that give testimony of me. *Or...You search the scriptures. Scrutamini...It is not a command for all to read the scriptures; but a reproach to the Pharisees, that reading the scriptures as they did, and thinking to find everlasting life in them, they should not receive him to whom all those scriptures gave testimony, and through whom alone they could have that true life.*"

Notice that both the King James Bible and the DRB say to "search the scriptures" which is a command. The NKJV and the ESV say, "You search the Scriptures" which is merely an observation. My DRB, which is a Roman Catholic bible, has a note in italics attached to the verse that explains it's not a command to search the scriptures even though, as it is worded, it IS a command to search the Scriptures.

To see which bibles have the correct reading, one only needs to read the rest of the verse. Jesus said the Scriptures testified of him so it's inconceivable that he wouldn't have meant he wanted them to search the Scriptures.

Around 27:10 Doug apparently isn't OK with how the NKJV words another verse because he uses the King James Bible reading.

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The King James Bible says “the archangel” which is singular meaning there is one archangel. Brother Batchelor says, “the archangel.” The NKJV says “an archangel” which means there is more than one archangel. Roman Catholics believe that in addition to Michael, Gabriel and Raphael there are other archangels.

All this may seem innocent but, as noted above, there is a progression from what seems innocent to what is more sinister. Starting around 17:27 there is a discussion about how Doug thinks people need to study the Bible.

“People need people to understand the Scriptures.” He also says, “It’s good for us to study together. I’ve noticed that Christians that isolate themselves and study by themselves there’s a risk they can become eccentric in their conclusions.”

John McLarty is the senior pastor of the Green Lake S.D.A. Church in Seattle, WA. If you wish to read a more extensive discussion about him, follow the link for the video titled “General Conference Supports EQUALITY ACT. Probation Closed 1982 EUCHARIST god. SDA Church Hijacked” on the previous page. Here are some statements from his sermons.

“If we are going to be faithful to God there are times when we must push back against the ancient words.”

Faithfulness to God does not always mean obedience to the ancient words.”

“The best translation is the one you read and I don’t care which one it is.”

“The work of the church is to act as translators for God.”

Where have I heard that before? There is a Bible passage that says in the King James Bible:

“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.

There is a footnote in my DRB for that verse that says:

“All scripture...Every part of divine scripture is certainly profitable for all these ends. But, if we would have the whole rule of Christian faith and practice, we must not be content with those Scriptures, which Timothy knew from his infancy, that is, with the Old Testament alone: nor yet with the New Testament, without taking along with it the traditions of the apostles, and the interpretation of the church, to which the apostles delivered both the book and the true meaning of it.”

In other words, the church is supposed to decide what the Bible says. It is much easier for a church to get people to let them decide what the Bible says if there are a bunch of different bibles with conflicting statements.

Doug Batchelor says it more subtly but there are similarities to what John McLarty says. Neither of them believe there is a single infallible Bible so they choose the bible that words things as they like. They both in essence say the church is supposed to interpret the Bible.

Revelation 20:9-10 bible says people “deceived” by the devil will be burned up. Just because you have been deceived doesn’t mean all will be well with you. You will not be asked in the judgment how readest Doug Batchelor or John McLarty but how readest THOU.

“And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so.” Acts 17:10-11.

Notice that the Bereans were COMPLIMENTED because they didn’t believe what Paul and Silas said without studying the Scriptures for THEMSELVES.

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.” Acts 20:29-30.

Too many Seventh-day Adventists rely on Sabbath School and church for their dose of Bible study. They, as Doug Batchelor and John McLarty recommend, are essentially letting the Church decide for them what the Bible means. All need to study the Bible for THEMSELVES. All English speaking people should use the ONLY infallible English Bible in common circulation, the King James Bible (yes, I’m one of the eccentric ones who believes God did as He promised and gave us His infallible Word).

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