



The Monarch of Books

Why the King James Bible is our Final Authority

Before we can even get into issues regarding Bible translations, versions, and manuscripts, we have to address a key contextual concept that will set the overall tone. When it comes to this overall topic, the primary issue is not Bible versions/translations, but rather having a final authority. A final authority can be simply defined as “one’s source for absolute _____ for all matters pertaining to temporal and eternal life.” When one claims that the Bible is their “final authority,” they are saying that their life is completely directed by what the Bible says... whatever the Bible says, I _____; whatever the Bible tells me to do, I _____. There are many that claim that the Bible is their “final authority” while their daily life speaks a different story. When convenient the Bible is their final authority, but then it is quickly and easily replaced by other people, other books, cultural trends, and most times by themselves. If a Christian desires to be successful in God’s eyes this issue must be securely nailed this down in their life.

THE CONCEPT OF “FINAL AUTHORITY”

1. Everything in life falls under some kind of authority structure, and when that authority structure is not respected and followed, _____ and consequence ensues - Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pt. 2:13-17; Acts 19:35-41

2. Ultimately, _____ is the “Final Authority” over all things - Isa. 45:23; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:10

3. Men and women of God always allowed God and his _____ to be their “final authority”
 - a. Abraham - Gen. 18:19; 15:1-6; Rom. 4:3
 - b. Paul - Acts 9:6; 26:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:1
 - c. The Bereans - Acts 17:11
 - d. Jesus - Matt. 4:1-11; Jn. 4:34; 5:19, 30; 6:38; 8:28; 18:11; Lk. 22:42; Jn. 13:18; 17:12; 19:24, 28, 36

4. God’s _____ requires there to be a single, consistent, and final authority for his people – 1 Sam. 2:2; Deut. 32:4; Ps. 116:5; 138:2; Num. 23:19; Ps. 12:6-7*; Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:19