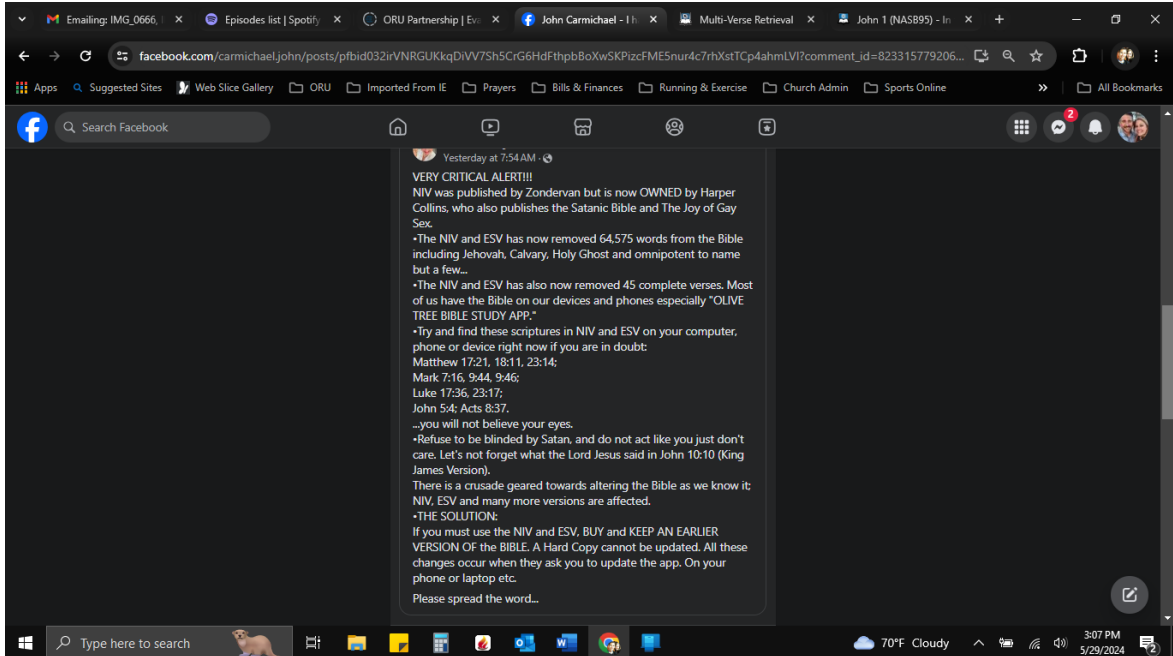


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[Eph 6:17 NASB95] 17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- The Word of God is powerful. Here the word translated “word” is “ῥῆμα” (rhema). It is different from another word translated “word,” “λόγος” (logos). Logos is a word primarily written. Rhema is a word spoken.
- The spoken Word (Rhema) of God is powerful against the enemy.
- Side NOTE:



- Harper Collins now owns Zondervan (1988) and Thomas Nelson (2012). So, they publish the NIV, KJV, NKJV, NASB, NET, NLT, and ESV. They did NOT translate any of them. They only publish (print and distribute) them.
- As far as "missing" words, that would be too long to explain. The fact is that words were "added" in the variants used to translate the KJV. Many words that were not original. When you have centuries of variants that do not include verses or words, only to have them appear centuries later. What happened? Those words were "added" and not likely original. The KJV translator (Erasmus) received any text (Textus Receptus), even if it were questionable. So yes, it would be terrible to "take away" words. It is also wrong to "add" words, as observed in the KJV. The KJV translators were more liberal in what words they accepted. The other translators were more conservative in what words they accepted.
- Matthew 17:21 – does not appear for centuries after the earliest manuscripts.

What do we need to know about the spoken Word?

The spoken Word does the three things.

I. The spoken Word affects this life.

- a. Ephesians 6:17. The spoken Word becomes a sword against the enemy.
- b. Jesus vs Satan. [Luk 4:4, 8, 12 NASB95] 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" ... 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" ... 12 And

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Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

- c. [Psa 91:1-2 NASB95] 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"
- d. We speak the Word against Satan's attack.

II. The spoken Word accomplishes God's Will on the earth.

- a. The spoken Word is a seed that produces. [Luk 8:11 NASB95] 11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.
- b. [Eze 37:3-14 NASB95] 3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." 4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' 5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. 6 'I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.'" 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'"" 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.' 12 "Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. 14 "I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."
- c. When we speak God's Word, we will see God's Will.

III. The spoken Word is our partnership with God.

- a. See also Ezekiel 37.
- b. [Joe 3:10 NASB95] 10 Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, "I am a mighty man."
- c. [Psa 35:27 NASB95] 27 Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."
- d. Get into partnership with God concerning your words.

- **God wants us to speak His Word to experience His victory in our lives.**