



The Christian's Intercession

A resolute discourse with the Heavenly King

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Reaching the world with God's Word

An Unfair Death

On October 6 1536, William Tyndale was strangled and burnt at the stake in the prison courtyard of the Castle of Vilvorde where he was held captive for over 500 days in dire conditions. According to the 1401 law "de Haeretico Comburendo", such was the death penalty for heretics. Tyndale was charged with treason and heresy by the Catholic Church and the Church of England under King Henry VIII. His crime - translating and publishing the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into English.

Who was William Tyndale?



Tyndale was someone who was willing to risk everything to pursue his lifelong passion, and that was to share the good news of justification by faith with an unwavering resolve. Like Martin Luther, Tyndale was earnestly desperate to make known the total depravity of human nature and the glory of Christ in salvation for mankind. Henceforth, Tyndale truly believed that Bible translation and Doctrinal

truth were inseparable. He once said, "**Christ desires the mysteries to be**

published abroad as widely as possible. I would that (The Gospels and the epistles of Paul) were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known".

Born in 1494 in Stinchcombe, a small village near Dursley, Gloucestershire., Tyndale studied in Oxford and then Cambridge. He was gifted in languages and a sensitivity to writing, with the ability to speak in seven languages and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. He went on to be the first person to translate the Bible into English and established himself as a leading figure and Bible scholar during the Protestant Reformation whose works were largely influenced by Martin Luther.

Dedication under immense hostility



Despite fierce opposition from the Catholic church, anti-Lutheran sentiments raging in England and limited available resources, Tyndale persisted and found refuge to do his translation work in the free cities of Europe including Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne and the Lutheran city of Worms. By 1526, Tyndale had completed the translation of the New Testament from Greek into English, and published the completed edition which was then widely printed

and circulated in Antwerp, Belgium and smuggled into England. Over the next nine years, he moved onto translating the Old Testament. Tragically, he was eventually betrayed by a close friend, Henry Phillips which led to his execution in 1536.

His legacy lives on



In Tyndale's final words, he shouted a prayer, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes!" 3 years later, King Henry VIII's 1539 English "Great Bible" was published. Today, significant portions of the English King James Bible are based on Tyndale's work and Tyndale's relentless passion has inspired

many to translate the Bible into other languages around the world.

Bible Translation over 700 languages worldwide

In 2020, Wycliffe Bible Translators USA reports that the Bible has been fully translated into 700 languages. Still, according to Ethnologue (Languages of the World), there are 7,117 known living



languages in the world! There is still an insurmountable amount of translation work needed.

Bibleless Peoples Prayer Project

In 1982 Wycliffe Bible Translators formed the Bibleless Peoples Prayer Project (BPPP) to recruit works for a translation program for each of the world's Bibleless people groups. A Bibleless people group is a community of individuals who have no known Scripture and no active Bible translation project because the Bible has not been translated into their language. There is much to pray about.



Almighty God,

Thank you that we have access to your word, for through your Son, we may be justified by grace through faith, giving glory to you, the God of our

salvation. Your word brings hope in the darkness, joy in the pain, and peace in the turmoil. How we long for the Bibleless to have this too! That they may know Thy word is a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path. We approach your throne with confidence, knowing that you are a Sovereign God, all knowing and wise. Therefore, we trust in your plans for this community, that in your Providence, you would accelerate Bible translation work, raise up and equip translators with resources and skill, strengthening their faith to persevere in this daunting task ahead. Set their eyes transfixed on the eternal prize! Amen.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

The Christian's Intercession is born out of a love to inspire Christians around the world to pray for worldwide missions and the persecuted church. It also seeks to raise awareness of global prayer needs and share inspiring stories of men and women of faith whose lives have witnessed the hands of God.