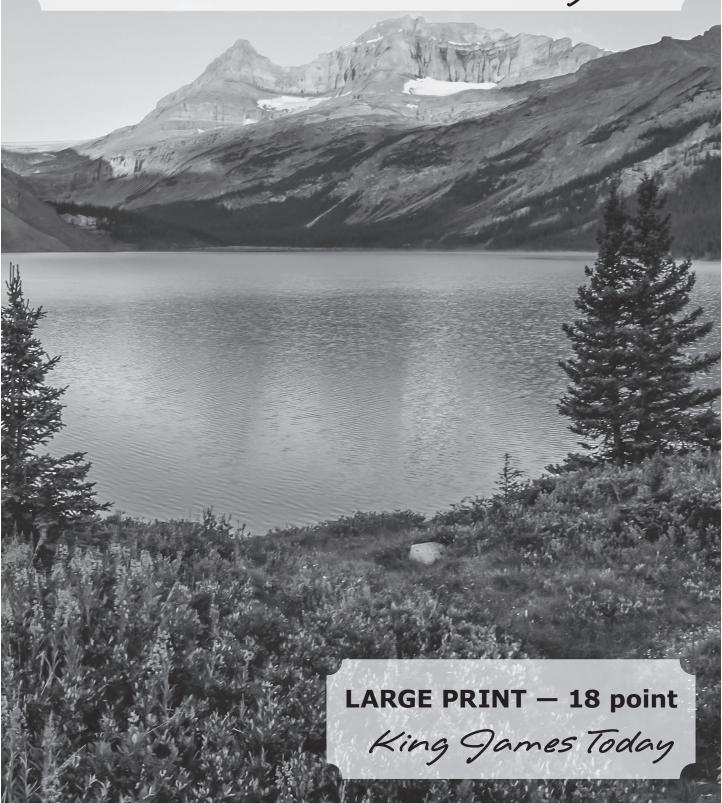
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### KING JAMES TODAY™

What makes this contemporary King James Version easier-to-read?

- Unnecessary word endings "est, eth, st, th, and ith" are dropped, e.g., buildest (build), buildeth (builds), dost (do), lieth (lie), saith (says).
- Old English is replaced **e.g.**, art (are), hither (here), nigh (near), oft (often), thee (you), thine (your), thou (you), thy (you) thyself (yourself), unto (to), wast (were), ye (you).
- Old English spelling is updated e.g., labour (labor), licence (license), musick (music), publick (public), shew (show), wilt (will).
- Ye, you, you-ward, your, yours, and yourselves, referring to more than one person, is noted by a superscript P (for plural) **e.g.**, you<sup>p</sup>.
- Spelling consistency for proper nouns **e.g.**, Balac (Balak), Elias (Elijah), Esaias (Isaiah), Jonas (Jonah), Noe (Noah), Osee (Hosea), Sion (Zion).

### Comparison of scripture:

King James Version versus King James Today:

My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: Proverbs 1:15 KJV

My son, walk not you in the way with them; refrain your foot from

their path: Proverbs 1:15 KJT

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- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
- To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
- To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;
- To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.
- A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain to wise counsels:
- To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother:
- For they shall be an ornament of grace to your head, and chains about your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice you, consent you not.
- 11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

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- 31:1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.
- **2** What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?
- **3** Give not your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.
- **4** It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:
- **5** Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.
- **6** Give strong drink to him that is ready to perish, and wine to those that be of heavy hearts.
- **7** Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- **8** Open your mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
- **9** Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
- **10** Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband does safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
- 12 She will do him good and not

evil all the days of her life.

- **13** She seeks wool, and flax, and works willingly with her hands.
- **14** She is like the merchants' ships; she brings her food from afar.
- 15 She rises also while it is yet night, and gives meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- **16** She considers a field, and buys it: with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She girds her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is good: her candle goes not out by night.
- 19 She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- **20** She stretches out her hand to the poor; yes, she reaches forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- **22** She makes herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

- **24** She makes fine linen, and sells it; and delivers girdles to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- **26** She opens her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- **27** She looks well to the ways of her household, and eats not the bread of idleness.
- **28** Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.
- **29** Many daughters have done virtuously, but you excel them all.
- **30** Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
- **31** Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

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