

400 Years and Sliding

During Sunday Evening Story-Time on September 12, 2010, with the IL teaching elder, he reminded everyone again about the year long 'celebration' of the 400th Year Anniversary of the KJV Bible. The various conferences, in which he will participate throughout the year, have joined the theme to give a concentrated focus on the authority of the KJV. The IL teaching elder announced their combined effort for the coming year at the IL conference this past July. They plan to culminate in IL next year in July.

In my humble opinion, it looks like the 'mid-Acts' **PASTORS** (as they refer to themselves and each other) are setting themselves up for **EMBARRASSMENT with all their KJV hype, while at the same time, REFUSING the KJV title of the office (bishop) that most of them occupy** in their local churches.

They boldly teach their congregations that as members of the 'body of Christ', they are NOT sheep; but that the nation Israel (more specifically the 'Little Flock') was ALWAYS God's sheep. Then they call themselves (the leaders of the assemblies) **PASTORS, which are SHEPHERDS over SHEEP!** How dysfunctional is that?!

When push came to shove over a year ago in TN, after he was repeatedly 'beseeched' from the pulpit, we have him on record publically admitting that 'bishop' is 'technically correct'. However, sometime afterward he was recorded preaching that 'bishop', 'pastor', and 'elder' are all interchangeable. That was the same message, when he was in Eph 4:11, teaching that the gifts were no longer 'supernaturally-given', he said that 'we know the 'work' of each of them is functioning today. All the gifts are still in operation.' Then he asked the question, 'You want to know who the apostles and prophets are today?' Then he answered, 'I'll tell you who the apostles and prophets are today they are your Bible!' When I heard him say that I could have fallen out of my chair and rolled in the floor! We had to back-up the tape and listen to that part again, just to make sure we had not misunderstood his words.

At the IL July conference a year ago, the Cunning Royal Jester carefully avoided introducing the preachers as 'Pastor' 'So-and-So' (as he had always done for many years before). Instead, he called every one of them to the pulpit as 'Brother' 'Whoever'.

Also, his church bulletin had been changed sometime before that conference because someone gave me a copy of both the old one and the new one. There was a total of five men's names, with their positions listed after each of their names. The first two had both been shown as 'Pastor'; they were changed to 'Elder'. Then they had one 'Elder' which remained the same. Then they had two deacons that still retained their office as 'Deacon'. They intentionally disregard 'bishop' and embrace 'deacon'.

Question #1) Why **BOTHER** to go to the trouble of changing the church bulletin from 'Pastor' to 'Elder' if 'Pastor' was not wrong?

Question #2) Is there no one serving the Lord in the office of 'Bishop' at that church? Evidently not! What a tragedy! PAUL, the apostle of the Gentiles they claim to **follow** (but really don't follow), writing by inspiration of God, called being a 'bishop' 'a good work'!

1 Tim 3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a **bishop**, he desireth **a good work**.

The Cunning Royal Jester has straddled the fence on this issue. Given he is a primary promoter of the '400 Year Celebration of the KJV' conference theme, he will likely do some more **sliding** in this 'bishop/pastor' area, because EVERY TIME the KJV uses the word 'bishop' The LIVING BIBLE writes the word 'pastor' instead. The Jester and his Jokers all claim the final authority of the KJV, while identifying themselves and each other's office with The LIVING BIBLE's term 'pastor'. When I was among them, I repeatedly called their attention to it, but they dug in their heels instead of wiping the egg off their faces, correcting their vocabulary, and moving on with **FAITHFULNESS to the KJV**.

Prov 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but **a faithful man who can find?**

The Cunning Royal Jester and his Jokers do not treat the KJV word 'dispensation' like a hot potato the way they do 'bishop'. They ADVERTISE and DISPLAY the KJV word 'dispensation' often, both verbally and in print. They would never allow The LIVING BIBLE's substitution of 'this sacred trust' or 'when the time is ripe' or 'this special work' or 'his secret plan' in preference over the KJV's 'dispensation'. What hypocrisy! The Cunning Royal Jester and his Jokers pick and choose. They do not switch and call the 'cross' a 'tree' instead.

They refuse the KJV's 'bishop' because they say they do not want to be affiliated with 'certain religious organizations' for using the same terminology. Another of their excuses for not wanting to be called 'bishops' was because of 'demographics'.

I pay close attention, and I have noticed that the Cunning Royal Jester is doing quite a bit of SLIDING lately on several issues, including this one. So, JOKERS that follow him, beware! He is a cunning royal jester, and he can SLIDE down on both sides of an issue quicker than you can tell 'a funny' at the beginning of your sermon!

Tonight, he used an example of 'BISHOPS' not being 'given to wine' compared to 'DEACONS' not 'given to MUCH wine'. That was a SLIDER! He slid the KJV word 'bishop' into his story-telling! Now, if he ever needs to dodge an accusation, he can 'honestly' say that he has 'used the word bishop' while preaching. He certainly is a Cunning Royal Jester.

1 Cor 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and **stewards** (same Greek root word as 'dispensation' uses) of the mysteries (same Greek word as translated 'mystery' singular) of God.

2 Moreover **it is required in stewards** (like 'dispensers'), **that a man be found faithful.**

What a farce to celebrate 400 years of the KJV, when the Cunning Royal Jester and his Jokers are not faithful to it!

This is David Dowell saying, "Think about it!"