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1. Personalization of religion

- a. New Translations of the Bible and social concerns
- b. The english language is one of the most rapidly changing languages translation must reflect these changes ... Gender inclusive language ... TNIV ... focus on gender accurate language ... this reflects the incorporation of societal changes in the way in which the Bible is being rendered ... the translators indicate that they do not always agree with these changes and realize that they are controversial but make them anyway.
- c. Biblical translation is a journey not a destination
- d. CBT - believe in the infallibility of scripture and regard it as God's word
- e. 18 - 34 year olds are leaving the "church" in record numbers. Today's generation thinks differently than previous generations. Polled this age group about their spiritual beliefs.
- f. We may have erred on the side of the younger generation ...
- g. some elements that can be agreed upon but the final intent shows in the translation
- h. Jeremiah 29.11 -
 1. KJV
 2. NIV
 3. TNIV (rendered as inspirational verse for those today)
- i. Is this accurate ??

2. God's view of those who serve him ...

- a. **Job 4.18-21** - he put no trust in his servants (Eliphaz)
- b. **Psm 8.4-6** - what is man that thou art mindful of him
- c. **Psm 103.13-14** - for he knoweth our frame
- d. **Matt 10.29-32** - ye are of more value than many sparrows
- e. **Psm 116.15** - precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints
- f. **Heb 2.14-15** - he also himself likewise took part of the same

3. Nature of Service

- a. **Luke 17.8-10** - we have done that which was our duty to do
- b. **Rom 9.20** - who art thou that repliest against God
- c. **Isa 29.15-16** - your turning of things upside down
- d. **Isa 30.8-10** - prophesy unto us smooth things

4. The Plan of God

- a. **Rom 9.11-15** - I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy
- b. **Deut 32.4** - He is the rock his work is perfect
- c. **Ezra 9.8** - grace hath been showed from the Lord our God
- d. **Rom 9.25-28** - for he will finish the work
- e. **Isa 29.14** - I will proceed to do a marvellous work
- f. **John 4.34** - to finish his work
- g. **John 19.30** - it is finished
- h. **1 Cor 1.27-31** - but of him are ye in Christ Jesus

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2. God's view of those who serve him ...

Job 4.18-21 - 18: Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

19: How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth? 20: They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it. 21: Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

Psm 8.4-6 - 4: What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5: For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6: Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Psm 103.13-14 - 13: Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14: For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Matt 10.29-32 - 29: Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30: But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31: Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Psm 116.15 - Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Heb 2.14-15 - Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15: And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

3. Nature of Service

Luke 17.8-10 - And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9: Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. 10: So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Rom 9.20 - Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Isa 29.15-16 - Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? 16: Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He

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made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

Isa 30.8-10 - Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: 9: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: 10: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

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Rom 9.11-15 - (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) 12: It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. 13: As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. 14: What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15: For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Deut 32.4 - He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Ezra 9.8 - And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

Rom 9.25-28 - As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. 26: And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. 27: Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: 28: For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

Isa 29.14 - Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

John 4.34 - Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 19.30 - When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

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1 Cor 1.27-31 - But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28: And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29: That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

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