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Composite Translations of Bible verses for week of January 20 - 26, 2014

Psalm 119:151 (G)

151 (Amplified Bible) You are near, O Lord [nearer to me than my foes], and all Your commandments are truth.

Deuteronomy 32:3,4 (R)

The Song of Moses

3 (Holman Christian Standard Bible) ...Declare the greatness of our God!

4 (Good News Translation) "The Lord is your mighty defender, perfect and just in all his ways; Your God is faithful and true; he does what is right and fair.

Psalm 33:4,9-11 (R)

4 (The Voice) ...the word of the Eternal is perfect and true; His actions are always faithful *and right*.

9 (The Voice) For He spoke, and all things came into being. A *single* command *from His lips*, and all creation *obeyed and* stood its ground.

10 (Good News Translation) The Lord frustrates the purposes of the nations; he keeps them from carrying out their plans.

11 (The Voice) The Eternal's purposes will last to the end of time; the thoughts of His heart *will awaken and stir* all generations.

Psalm 26:1-3 (R)

Vindicate Me, O Lord

1 (Ferrar Fenton Bible) Judge me, LORD, for straight forward I walk; I move not from my trust in the LORD;

2 (The Voice) Put me on trial and examine me, O Eternal One! Search me *through and through*—from my deepest longings to every thought that crosses my mind.

3 (The Voice) Your unfailing love is always before me; I have journeyed down Your *path of truth*.

Jeremiah 10:10 (1)

10 (Amplified Bible) ...the Lord is the true God and the God of truth (the God Who is Truth). He is the living God and the everlasting King....

Jeremiah 29:13,14 (2)

13 (Amplified Bible) Then you will seek Me, inquire for, *and* require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

14 (Amplified Bible) I will be found by you, says the Lord,...

Psalm 86:10,11,15 (3)

10 (The Voice) For You are great, and Your works are wondrous; You are the one True God.

11 (The Message) ...I'll follow your true path. Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear.

15 (The Voice) ...Lord, You are a God full of compassion, generous in grace, slow to anger, and boundless in loyal love and truth.

Psalm 42:2,11 (4)

2 (Amplified Bible) My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God....

11 (International Standard Version) ...Hope in God, for once again I will praise him, since his presence saves me and he is my God.

Psalm 9:9,10 (5)

9 (New English Bible) So may the Lord be a tower of strength for the oppressed, a tower of strength in time of need.

10 (The Voice) Those who know Your name will rely on You, for You, O Eternal One, have not abandoned those who search for You.

Psalm 25:4,5 (6)

4 (The Voice) DEMONSTRATE Your ways, O Eternal One. Teach me *to understand* so I can follow.

5 (Amplified Bible) Guide me in Your truth and faithfulness and teach me,...

Psalm 91:1,11 (7)

1 (Contemporary English Version) Live under the protection of God Most High and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful.

11 (The Voice) He will command His heavenly messengers to guard you, to keep you safe in every way.

Daniel 9:9,10,19,21,22 (8)

Daniel's Prayer for his People

9 (The Voice) But You, O Lord our God, still show us compassion and forgiveness even though we have *openly* rebelled against You.

10 (The Voice) We have not obeyed the voice of the Eternal our God, for we have failed to live by the teachings You gave us directly through Your servants, the prophets.

19 (The Voice) Lord, hear *our prayer!* Lord, forgive *our sins!* Lord, pay attention *to our plight...*

21 (The Message) -while I was absorbed in this praying, the humanlike Gabriel, the one I had seen in an earlier vision, approached me, flying in like a bird about the time of evening worship.

22 (The Voice) **Gabriel (to me):** Daniel, I have come *for one purpose:* to offer you insight and understanding *into these matters.*

Daniel 10:18,19,21 (9)

18 (The Message) Then this humanlike figure touched me again and gave me strength.

19 (The Voice) **Messenger:** Do not be afraid, you who are highly regarded *by God.* May peace rest on you *and make you whole;* be strong; be brave....

21 (Contemporary English Version) I will tell you what is written in The Book of Truth. But first, you must realize that no one except Michael, the guardian angel of Israel, is on my side.

Isaiah 30:21 (10)

21 (The Voice) Your ears will hear *sweet* words behind you: "*Go this way.* There is your path; this is how you should go" *whenever you must decide* whether to turn to the right or the left.

John 1:17 (11)

17 (The Voice) ...Jesus the Anointed offered *us* gifts of grace and truth.

Luke 18:9-14 (12)

The Pharisee and Tax Collector

9 (The Voice) He told another parable—this one addressed to people who were confident in their self-righteousness and looked down on other people with disgust.

10 (The Voice) **Jesus:** Imagine two men *walking up a road,* going to the temple to pray. One of them is a Pharisee and the other is a *despised* tax collector.

11 (The Voice) Once inside the temple, the Pharisee stands up and prays this prayer in honor of himself: "God, how I thank You that I am not on the same level as other people—crooks, cheaters, the sexually immoral—like this tax collector over here.

12 (The Voice) *Just look at me!* I fast *not once but* twice a week, and I faithfully pay my tithes on every penny of income."

13 (Amplified Bible) But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the especially wicked sinner that I am!

14 (The Voice) *Now imagine these two men walking back down the road to their homes.* Listen, it's the tax collector who walks home clean before God, and not the Pharisee, because whoever lifts himself up will be put down and whoever takes a humble place will be lifted up.

Philippians 4:8 ⁽¹³⁾

Think on These Things

8 *(The Voice)* ...brothers and sisters, fill your minds with *beauty and* truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is good, whatever is virtuous and praiseworthy.

James 2:14 ⁽¹⁴⁾

14 *(The Voice)* Brothers and sisters, it doesn't make any sense to say you have faith and act in a way that denies that faith. *Mere talk never gets you very far,...*

Matthew 9:35 ⁽¹⁵⁾

35 *(The Voice)* Jesus went through many towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues. He preached the good news of the kingdom of God. He healed every disease and sickness.

John 10:23-25,37,38 ⁽¹⁶⁾

23 *(International Standard Version)* and Jesus was walking around in the Temple inside the open porch of Solomon.

24 *(The Voice)* and Jews gathered around Him. **Jews:** How long are You going to keep us guessing? If You are God's Anointed, *the Liberating King*, announce it clearly.

25 *(Amplified Bible)* Jesus answered them, I have told you so, yet you do not believe Me [you do not trust Me and rely on Me]. The very works that I do by the power of My Father and in My Father's name bear witness concerning Me [they are My credentials and evidence in support of Me].

37 *(The Voice)* By all means, do not believe in Me, if I am not doing the things of the Father.

38 *(The Voice)* But examine My actions, *and you will see that My work is the work of the Father.* Regardless of whether you believe in Me—believe the miracles. Then you will know that the Father is in Me, and I am in the Father.

John 14:12 ⁽¹⁷⁾

12 *(JB Phillips New Testament)* I assure you that the man who believes in me will do the same things that I have done,...

John 8:32 ⁽¹⁸⁾

32 *(The Voice)* you will know the truth, and that truth will give you freedom.

Acts 3:1-9 ⁽¹⁹⁾

Healing the Lame Beggar

1 *(The Voice)* One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, a customary time for daily prayer, Peter and John walked to the temple.

2 *(The Voice)* Some people were carrying in a man who had been paralyzed since birth. Every day they brought him to a place near the beautiful gate (*one of the temple entrances*) so he could beg for money from people entering to *worship*.

3 *(Amplified Bible)* So when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them to give him a gift.

4 *(The Voice)* Peter gazed intensely at him—so did John. **Peter:** Look at us.

5 *(JB Phillips New Testament)* The man looked at them expectantly, hoping that they would give him something.

6 *(Amplified Bible)* But Peter said, Silver and gold (money) I do not have; but what I do have, that I give to you: in [the use of] the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!

7 *(Amplified Bible)* Then he took hold of the man's right hand with a firm grip and raised him up. And at once his feet and ankle bones became strong and steady,

8 *(New Living Translation)* He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

9 *(JB Phillips New Testament)* Everyone noticed him as he walked and praised God

Acts 5:12,15-21,25,27,28,29,34,35,38,39,42 ⁽¹⁸⁾

The Apostles Heal Many

12 *(The Voice)* Those were amazing days—with many signs and wonders being performed through the apostles among the people....

15 *(Amplified Bible)* So that they [even] kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, [in the hope] that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

- 16 *(Amplified Bible)* And the people gathered also from the towns and hamlets around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those troubled with foul spirits, and they were all cured.

The Apostles Arrested and Freed

- 17 *(New International Version)* Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.
- 18 *(Amplified Bible)* They seized and arrested the apostles (special messengers) and put them in the public jail.
- 19 *(The Voice)* But that night, a messenger of the Lord opened the doors of the prison and led them to freedom.
- 20 *(Amplified Bible)* Go, take your stand in the temple courts and declare to the people the whole doctrine concerning this Life (the eternal life which Christ revealed).
- 21 *(English Revised Version)* When the apostles heard this, they did what they were told. They went into the Temple area about sunrise and began to teach the people. The high priest and his friends came together and called a meeting of the high council and all the older Jewish leaders. They sent some men to the jail to bring the apostles to them.

The Apostles Before the Council

- 25 *(The Voice)* Just then, someone arrived with this news: **Temple Messenger:** You know those men you put in prison last night? *Well, they're free.* At this moment, they're *at it again*, teaching our people in the temple!
- 27 *(The Voice)* Once again the men stood before the council. The high priest began the questioning.
- 28 *(The Voice)* **High Priest:** Didn't we give you strict orders to stop teaching in this name?...
- 29 *(Amplified Bible)* Then Peter and the apostles replied, We must obey God rather than men.

Gamaliel's Counsel

- 34 *(The Voice)* but Gamaliel, a Pharisee in the council respected as a teacher of the Hebrew Scriptures, stood up and ordered the men to be sent out *so the council could confer privately.*
- 35 *(The Voice)* **Gamaliel:** Fellow Jews, you need to act with great care in your treatment of these fellows.
- 38 *(The Voice)* ...in this case, just let these men go. Ignore them. If this is just another movement arising from human enthusiasm, it will die out soon enough.
- 39 *(The Voice)* But then again, if God is in this, you won't be able to stop it—unless, of course, you're ready to fight against God!
- 42 *(Amplified Bible)* Yet [in spite of the threats] they never ceased for a single day, both in the temple area and at home, to teach and to proclaim the good news (Gospel) of Jesus [as] the Christ (the Messiah).

1 John 2:21 ⁽²¹⁾

- 21 *(Amplified Bible)* I write to you not because you are ignorant and do not perceive and know the Truth, but because you do perceive and know it, and [know positively] that nothing false (no deception, no lie) is of the Truth.

2 John 1:1-4 ⁽²²⁾

Greeting from the Elder

- 1 *(Lamsa New Testament)* THE minister, to the mother church, and her children, those whom I love in the truth, and not I only, but also all those who have known the truth,
- 2 *(Amplified Bible)* Because of the Truth which lives and stays on in our hearts and will be with us forever:
- 3 *(The Voice)* May grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Jesus the Anointed, the Father's own Son, surround you *and be with you always* in truth and love.

Walking in the Truth

- 4 *(Amplified Bible)* I was greatly delighted to find some of your children walking (living) in [the] Truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father [Himself].

Psalm 119:30,45 ⁽²³⁾

- 30 *(The Voice)* I have decided to take the path of faith;...
- 45 *(The Voice)* And I will live a life of freedom...