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“Modern champions of the Catholic position like to support a view of the Reformation, that it was entirely a political imposition by a ruthless minority in power against both the traditions and the wishes of the pious people of England... The energy which affected every human life in northern Europe, however, came from a different place. It was not the result of political imposition. It came from the discovery of the Word of God as originally written...in the language of the people. Moreover, it could be read and understood, without censorship by the Church or mediation through the Church... Such reading produced a totally different view of everyday Christianity: the weekly, daily, even hourly ceremonies so lovingly cataloged by some Catholic revisionists are not there; purgatory is not there; there is no aural confession and penance. Two supports of the Church’s wealth and power collapsed. Instead there was simply individual faith in Christ the Saviour, found in Scripture. That and only that ‘justified’ the sinner, whose root failings were now in the face of God, not the bishops or the pope.”

(David Daniell, William Tyndale, p. 58)

“When the children of Israel were ready to despair, for the greatness and the multitude of the giants, Moses comforted them ever, saying, Remember what your Lord God hath done for you in Egypt, his wonderful plagues, his miracles, his wonders, his mighty hand, his stretched out arm, and what he hath done for you hitherto. He shall destroy them; he shall take their hearts out from them, and make them fear and flee before you. He shall storm them, and stir up a tempest among them, and scatter them, and bring to nought. He hath sworn; he is true; he will fulfil the promises that he hath made unto Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. This is written for our learning: for verily he is a true God; and is our God as well as theirs; and his promises are with us, as well as with the; and he present with us, as well as he was with them. If we ask, we shall obtain; if we knock, he will open; if we seek, we shall find; if we thirst, his truth shall fulfil our lust. Christ is with us until the world’s end (Matt 28:20). Let his little flock be bold therefore. For if God be on our side, what matter maketh it who be against us, be they bishops, cardinals, popes, or whatsoever names they will?”

(William Tyndale, *Works of William Tyndale*, p. 135).

"I beg your lordship, and that by the Lord Jesus, that if I am to remain here through the winter, you will request the commissary to have the kindness to send me, from the goods of mine which he has, a warmer cap; for I suffer greatly from the cold in the head, and am afflicted in this cell... And I ask to be allowed to have a lamp in the evening it is indeed wearisome sitting alone in the dark. But most of all I beg and beseech your clemency to be urgent with the commissary, that he will kindly permit to have the Hebrew Bible, Hebrew grammar, and Hebrew dictionary, that I may pass the time in that study. In return may you obtain what you most desire, so only that it be for the salvation of your soul. But if any other decision has been taken concerning me, to be carried out before winter, I will be patient, abiding the will of God, to the glory of the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ: whose spirit (I pray) may ever direct your heart." (Daniell, *William Tyndale*, p. 379)

"9 Do you best to come to me soon. 10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica... 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and *above all* the parchments."

(The Apostle Paul, 2 Timothy 4:9-13)

“Which thing only moved me to translate the New Testament. Because I had perceived by experience, how that it was impossible to establish the lay-people in any truth, except the Scripture were plainly laid before their eyes in their mother-tongue, that they might see the process, order, and meaning of the text: for else, whatsoever truth is taught them, these enemies of all truth quench it again.”

(Tyndale, *Works of William Tyndale*, p. 395)

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