

I HEARD ABOUT A MANSION. . .

The third verse of that great song

"Victory in Jesus"

says:

*I heard about **a mansion** He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea.
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.*

Well. . . Don't look for any mansion in the The New International Version (TNIV) and New International Version (NIV) – it *isn't* there. {Names are similar but are different versions}

The Lord Jesus Christ describes my mansion in John 14:2 in the King James Version:

***In my father's house **are many mansions**
if it were not so, I would have told you. I go
to prepare a place for you.***

Notice, in John 14:2, the Lord Jesus says ". . .**if it were NOT so, I would have told you.** . . ."

Well, according to the majority of the new versions – **it's NOT so. . .**

The new PER versions have been hacking at God's mansions for years. They've turned God's beautiful mansions into a "dwelling place", "home" and a "room". Sounds like the Lord is running a "boarding house".

See the distortion given in the many versions below:

- Revised Standard Version [RSV] "MANY ROOMS"
- New American Standard Version [NASV] "MANY DWELLING PLACES"
- New International Version [NIV] "MANY ROOMS"
- New Century Version [NCV] "MANY ROOMS"
- New Revised Standard Version [NRSV] "MANY DWELLING PLACES"
- The Living Bible [TLB] "MANY HOMES"
- New Living Bible [NLB] "MANY ROOMS "
- The Good News Bible in Today's English Version "MANY ROOMS "
- God's Word Translation "MANY ROOMS"
- New American Bible [NAB] "MANY DWELLING PLACES"

If that wasn't bad enough (and believe me it is. . .) the "in today's language" TNIV doesn't even give you a "room" – just "PLENTY OF ROOM". Got to share a room, I guess. . .

John 14:2, TNIV

My Father's house has **plenty of room**; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

"Plenty of room"? Doesn't sound too exciting, does it? Pretty big step down from a "mansion" to "plenty of room". Doesn't exactly get you packing your bags to move in. . .Kind of hard to connect the TNIV's "plenty of room" to 1 Corinthians 2:9, ". . .

**Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither
have entered into the heart of man, the things
which God hath prepared for them that love
him."**

From a "mansion" to a "dwelling place" to a "room" and now to the TNIV's "plenty of room" – I guess the next version will read "My Father's house has a closet. . ."

No Thank you. . . I think I'll stick with my "mansion" – it sounds more like the God I know.

Notice something else very curious about the TNIV's treatment of John 14:2. . . Something very odd. . .

John 14:2, TNIV

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Notice that "?" – "question mark" at the end of the TNIV's John 14:2.

The TNIV translators change the sentence from declarative to interrogative. The Lord Jesus Christ is no longer issuing a statement of "fact" and "truth" – the TNIV has Him asking a question. . .

Does that remind you of any other verse in the Bible?

How about Genesis 3:1?

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**

Ah so. . .The master of the "question mark" – Satan. "yea, hath God said . . .?"

The serpent's little subtle, question mark in Genesis 3:1 triggered the fall of mankind. Just that little element of doubt. . . .

The first "question mark" in the Bible is from the mouth of Satan [serpent]. And it "questioned" the words of God. Hmm. . .

Who do you think "lead" the TNIV translators to "question" John 14:2?

That's some spooky stuff. . .

I'm glad Eugene Bartlett wasn't reading the TNIV when he wrote "Victory in Jesus":

*"I heard about **plenty of room** He has maybe built for me in glory?[?]"*

May I remind you again. According to their own words. This is the same people, the same methodology that translated the NIV.

"The fully independent body that translated the highly acclaimed **NIV is the same eminent group that undertook the work on the TNIV. . .**

The widely respected translation **methodology that drove the scholarship of the NIV was maintained in the development of the TNIV. . .**"

(Faithfully Produced by CBT, www.tniv.info/story/cbt.php)

And according to the TNIV translators *themselves* – **the TNIV is MORE ACCURATE than the NIV. (Duh ? ?)**

"The *NIV* is an extremely accurate Bible text, the best the CBT could produce as of 1984. **The TNIV is an even slightly more accurate Bible text**, the best the CBT could produce as of 2001." (Double Duh?)

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John 14:2