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# The Message Ministry Edition: The Bible In Contemporary Language



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This latest edition of the paraphrased Bible "The Message" is wonderful! The full title is "The Message: Numbered Edition, The Bible in Contemporary Language". It seems that with each new edition, The Message titles get longer! I have enjoyed chapter after chapter since I received this edition a couple of weeks ago from . I keep my New American Standard Bible (NASB) and my HarperCollins New Revised Standard (NRS) Study Bible close at hand while I read The Message. Thus, if needed, I can look up a passage to make certain I am understanding the full context of the Message translation. This research in comparing passages is increasing my understanding of the Bible. The Message makes clearer, in today's language, what many biblical passages mean. I find this wonderful paraphrase to be full of "aha" moments when a passage I may have glossed over or didn't fully understand, in the past, finally comes to life. One of my favorite examples: The NASB

gives Matthew 5:13-14 (a portion of the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus is explaining how things are to his disciples) as:"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;...."I have heard and read these words many times, but the complete meaning was not there (for me).Now, read it in today's language. Here is The Message translation/paraphrase for the same passage:"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be the salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?"

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