

The Bible Workman

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Which answer? What does the Bible really teach? (3)

Take one of the problems and its alternative answers.

Examine the alternatives and give reasons for discarding some and accepting one. Can be done as an individual or as a class exercise. If being done as a class exercise, see notes in January 2008 ([p. 450](#)).

1. **Isaiah 53:3. What is meant by “we hid as it were our faces from him”?**
 - a) Take it at its face value.
 - b) Follow the RV: “as one from whom men hide their face”.
 - c) Follow the RV margin: “he hid as it were his face from us”. See also the AV margin and the LXX.
2. **Genesis 4:13 reads, according to the AV, that Cain said to God, “My punishment is greater than I can bear”, but according to the RV margin, “Mine iniquity is greater than can be forgiven”. Which is correct?**
 - a) The AV is correct.
 - b) The RV margin is correct. But, if so, how did he know?
3. **In 2 Samuel 12:14 David is told by God that his child by Bathsheba would die, but in verse 16 we read, “David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth”. Why did David not accept God’s decision?**
 - a) He thought God might change His mind.
 - b) He was only asking for relief of the child’s suffering.
 - c) He was really praying for the forgiveness of his own sin.
 - d) He prayed because he could not help it. He had to pray.
4. **Acts 13:33 reads in the AV, “God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He hath raised up Jesus *again*; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten thee”, but the RV correctly leaves out “again”. Then what does the verse refer to?**
 - a) Christ’s birth.
 - b) His baptism.
 - c) His resurrection.

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