



## ESV

The best for memorizing. Very literal (formal equivalence) but still readable. Good for church use. Some outdated language.



## CSB

Perfect for family worship. The best balance of literalness & readability.\* Some gender inclusive language.



## LSB

Highly precise. Uses "Yahweh" and "slave." "The LSB is the NASB perfected" (James White). Slightly less readable than ESV.

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FOR  
REGULAR  
USE



# Recommended Bible Translations



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## NET

Best for research. Extensive, scholarly footnotes add context and explain the text. Footnotes may distract from reading.



## LEB

Good for checking your own translation. Transparently literal. Less traditional than the ESV/NASB.\*\*



## KJV

Captures the best of earlier versions. Linguistic masterpiece. Meant to be read aloud. Problematic textual tradition.

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FOR  
RESEARCH

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\*Based on A Quantitative Evaluation report by Dr. Andi Wu of Global Bible Initiative, <https://docslib.org/doc/3163713/a-quantitative-evaluation-of-the-christian-standard-bible-report-by-dr-garrett-o-hara>,  
\*\*Garrett O'Hara, Some Thoughts on the Legacy Standard Bible, <https://thingsabove.us/some-thoughts-on-the-legacy-standard-bible/>