December 2012 update from Ken Millwood

Dear All,

Some of you will have noticed I missed my October deadline for this latest update on my book. Please accept my apologies. I have had a few challenges in the last quarter: of a personal nature (Aug/Sept) and then computer related (Oct/Nov).

The unexpected personal challenge – which I am deliberately not sharing here – resulted in several weeks off work. The computer issues started in October when Windows refused to load properly on my PC and I couldn't print anything. To cut a long saga short I eventually had to have a new hard drive installed and rebuild my email address book from scratch, all of which has taken precious time. Both these challenges have diverted me from getting much further with the book since August.

However, I did achieve one bit of research which has been on the back-burner since earlier this year. When James created my website (www.totaldependenceongod.com) and book cover he used a stock picture of a vine branch with grapes and leaves on it. What struck me at the time was how large the leaves looked compared to the bunch of grapes! In September I took a tour of a vineyard near Bradford-on-Avon and discovered the answer to this riddle.

Bearing in mind I rarely drink wine, and my main experience of grapes is the seedless eating variety I buy in supermarkets, I had a picture in my mind of a bunch of eating grapes and therefore a relatively huge set of leaves. What I found on the tour is that the leaves are normal size (about the size of a hand) and it is the wine grapes that are tiny – about the size of a small fingernail. I also learnt a few other facts about growing vines and grapes which will be useful for the book.

As we are now in December I don't expect to make much progress this month as much of my spare time will be taken up with puppet shows and preparation for the most wonderful time of the year: Christmas.

Thank you for your continuing interest. The next update is due early in 2013.

Happy Christmas to you all, and remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

Kind Regards,

Ken

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