

that perhaps a copy that was made by a monk in the 12th Cent. A.D. and all the previous copies were lost , and find a statement in that and then point to a statement in the Bible and say. The Bible is wrong; look it contradicts this. Well of course we have some classical writings of which we have a great many copies, but there are others in that situation. But for the Bible we have more copies, we have more evidence than of anything else from ancient times. And therefore the number of mistakes in copying we can safely say is minimal, but it is not zero. I believe that God intentionally allowed mistakes to be perpetuated in the Scriptures. I think He intentionally caused that we should have a very wonderfully accurate of the original but not an 100% accurate in order to guard us against building on one verse alone on any subject, and to lead us to realize that we must compare Scripture with Scripture. And we must recognize that what felt was important He has stressed and repeated in the Scripture and made clear for us. And as we study that which is not clear we get many truths from it, but if we find them if they are really there we will find them also in other parts of the Scripture and we will find clear evidence that we must not build on just one verse.

Oh how many divisions there are in the Christian church that deal with matters which the Lord could have made absolutely clear with just one straight sentence if he had put it in on the matter which he has not dealt in such a clear and plain way for us and yet people will take one verse or two verses and squeeze them to death and on the basis of that make a division from other Christian people. Well now in this case this statement that they served from 25 yrs. old and upward occurs one time, and the statement they served from 30 yrs. old and upward occurs 3 times. And the probability of a mistake ~~occurring/in~~ in copying the 3 different vs. that say 30 yrs. would seem to me to be extremely slight. But the possibility of error in the copying of the 25 yrs. and upward would not be slight at all. In any vs. any one word can easily, there can easily be an error may come in in the copying and while they check carefully it is easy to -- even if you catch the bulk of them to overlook one and one wonderful thing about the copyists of the Scripture is that when they found something that flatly contradicted it, they kept it as it was in copy. Even though somebody before made a mistake they didn't try to correct